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FRANCE REFUSES FIRMLY TO SUBMIT TO INTERFERENCE

Offers of Mediation Declared to Be Useless—Further German Territory Occupied

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON
By Special Cable

PARIS, Feb. 26.—In view of all the rumors of intervention it is necessary to declare that the news which has been launched from many quarters of immediate mediation between Germany and France is without foundation. In the most peremptory manner, it is semi-officially stated that there is no truth whatever in the supposition that Holland will offer its services. As for England there is no chance of proposals being sent by London. The attitude which the French Government wishes to make clear is that Germany must apply directly to France when the moment arrives for surrender.

This has been made known to Mr. Bonar Law, the British Prime Minister, through the ambassador, Lord Crewe, and it is therefore extremely improbable that London will take any action which would be regarded as unfriendly by France. It can only be imagined if England is resolved deliberately and openly to oppose France. That is how intervention would be interpreted. American re-appearance on the scene at such a moment as this is almost unthinkable. The French motto appears to be "hands off."

Mediation Offers Useless

Reports which suggest that a third party will soon come into the Ruhr valley affair must therefore be received with the utmost suspicion. Whatever forces may be at work in other countries the representative of The Christian Science Monitor is able to assert emphatically on the highest authority that offers of mediation are useless. In any estimate of the sentiment of France after six weeks' fruitless and costly occupation, which has disappointed many expectations, emphasis must be laid on the determination to see the matter through.

There are great differences of opinion as to whether the French Premier, Raymond Poincaré has acted with sufficient energy. Have the French plans been sufficiently thought out? Were the difficulties foreseen? Were preparations made? Do not hesitations still give Germany the impression of French weakness? Why is not the screw turned tighter? These are the questions which may be heard everywhere.

French Opinion Behind Government
There is considerable criticism of the actual conduct of operation, but there is no justification for any belief that French opinion does not support the Government in its fight against Germany. Apart from the Communists and Socialists there is no party which dares to pronounce against M. Poincaré's policy. The Radicals while supporting the Government, have made reservations and express doubt with an eye to the future in case M. Poincaré's policy fails after all.

As for people, there is no outcry anywhere, and casual visits to the cinemas where the pictures of French troops are shown, reveal a good deal of enthusiasm. There cannot be the smallest doubt in the mind of anybody acquainted with the French that they mean to make it a fight to a finish, and will refuse to allow interference.

French Official Statement

Many stories which fill certain foreign newspapers are obvious inventions, and the French authorities make the following statement: "Hitherto the German Government obstinately misunderstands the vital interests of the country. The French Government will steadily pursue its road. The moment must arrive when the Reich and the magnates yield. Then we will have settled our account with them in maintaining our pledges. But when Berlin wants to talk, it is necessary that Wilhelm Cuno, the Chancellor, or his successor addresses himself through ordinary diplomatic channels, either to M. Poincaré or to the Reparations Commission. We cannot recognize any other way."

It is sincerely to be hoped that this spirit will be understood, once and for all. In the meantime, the French have occupied still more German territory. Caub, Lorch, and Königswinter have been taken. The object of this measure is simply to place in the interior of the occupied territory the whole of the important railroad which follows the course of the Rhine on the right bank and which is indispensable to the provisioning of the occupation troops of the Ruhr.

French Newspapers' Plea

These places are between the bridge-heads of Mayence, Coblenz and Cologne. Curiously, some of the French newspapers, notably *Le Petit Parisien* make it necessary to state that this slight extension of occupation is entirely justified, if only on account of the recent declaration of the general default, which authorizes France and Belgium to take such measures as they may judge desirable. The truth is that the Ruhr occupation, which has created on the right bank of the Rhine a large pocket of Allied territory, has rendered inevitable, under pain of serious complications, the reinforcement on both sides of the Rhine system of railroads utilized by the occupying armies.

It would appear that when the dispute with England concerning the railways of the Cologne area is finally settled, that the French Government will be satisfied now it controls the railways sufficiently. From today onward the administration of the rail-

ITALIANS DEFEAT REBELS



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Mr. Wallace in a formal state said:

It may be remembered that by combining the business of Armour and Morris, the enlarged concern will be in position to compete vigorously because of economies effected. On the other hand the re-financing involved may also place an additional burden on the industry. Above all there is a vital principle involved which cannot be ignored. It will eliminate one of the five largest packers in the United States and in my opinion it will result in materially lessening competition among the buyers of live stock at the various markets. This is one of the things which the packers and stockyards act was intended to prevent.

It must be remembered that competition in the buying of live stock by the packers is different in its character from competition in buying meat, inasmuch as the ordinary manufacturing plant. Each day's transactions are practically complete, the live stock is placed in the pens in the stockyards. The buyers of the various packers and other buyers who ship the stock further east go into the yards in the morning and compete with one another.

Lessons Competition

The livestock market is very sensitive. By the simple act of refraining from selling meat into the yards at a time of abnormal buying of heavy runs, either of the larger packers can very materially depress the market. Any act, therefore, which materially increases the buying percentage of either of the larger packers puts in his power to substantially lessen competition and depress prices. Protection to the smaller packers and the competition that now exists.

If this combination should be upheld the company would still be under the Packers and Stockyards Act, but it should be remembered that under this act if one of the large packers wishes to stay out of the market I can do nothing to prevent that, unless it can be shown to be for the public purpose or with unlawful effect. Neither do I have any authority to limit the margins taken for operation.

Our authority covers trade practices and acts which restrict competition or tend toward monopoly. We have broad powers of inquiry, enable us to inform ourselves regarding the business. If Government supervision were adequate to regulate the relation between the prices paid for the live stock and the prices at which the meat and other products should be sold, and see to it that nothing more than a fair and just profit is exacted, quite conceivable that by allowing the packers to combine in a large way great economies could be effected and the result might be helpful both to producers and consumers.

At the present time, however, there is no such authority given to any Government agency.

AMERICANS INVADE MARKETS IN LEVANT

Effort Made to Obtain Important Concessions From the Angora Government

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Federation of British Industries, in a circular of information to its members, reports great activity by American commercial interests in the Near East, in an effort to obtain important concessions from the Angora Government, and says: "This attempt at economic invasion in Asia Minor by United States concerns should not be overlooked."

In addition to the Chester scheme for railway concessions, there are other ambitious ones for concessions to be able to the whole town of Angora in a state fitting for a national capital.

Other propositions relate to the erection of manufacturing establishments. The combination of American capital and native labor is expected to prove highly profitable. These negotiations are evidently in line with the procedure of certain American oil interests, whose representative, immediately following the rupture at the Lausanne Conference hastened to get into direct personal touch with the Turkish delegation in the hope of making favorable arrangements with the Turks independently of the Allies.

The prevailing impression in Constantinople, however, appears to be that while the Turks will consider and discuss all kinds of propositions, they are not likely actually to grant concessions until their relations with the Allies are more definitely determined, as concessions are all, they have to bargain with for financial assistance, of which they are in such great need.

BILL WOULD ABOLISH HORSE

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Elimination of horse-drawn vehicles from the Island of Manhattan is demanded in a resolution introduced in the Board of Aldermen by Alderman William F. Quinn. The measure has been referred to the Committee on Thoroughfares.

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LATE TRAIN RIDERS RECOUNT HARSHIP

Massachusetts Commission Conducts Hearing on New Haven and B. & M. Roads

The hardship, which lateness of trains caused working people, making laborers invariably absent from the family supper table and working girls stand both to and from their work when passengers from other delayed trains crowded the locals, was featured by speakers at a public hearing today before the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities investigating, for the Massachusetts Legislature, causes of delay in train service within the State. Interest was so great that the hearing room proved inadequate and the State House assembly room was used. Speakers representing the mayors' offices of Boston, Lowell, and Woburn were present.

Andrew P. Doyle of New Bedford, who introduced the original order in the Legislature for the investigation declared it had not been the original intention of his bill to air either strike grievances or excuses from railroad management, but rather to seek to relieve the actual inconvenience and suffering which the present service on the railroads is causing. Despite all the excuses of the management, Mr. Doyle said, some deeper reason than any given seemed to be the cause of the constant late arrival of trains. Speaking of the New Bedford division, he said trains were on time in going to Boston, but on their return were frequently 2 or 3 hours behind. During the last week he had noticed improvement, and he wondered if it had not been the result of the present hearings.

Mr. Doyle was followed by Frederick D. Sowle, New Bedford, who said he understood several engines habitually had to be tried out on the New York, New Haven & Hartford before one could be found serviceable.

Lowell and Woburn Service

Jeremiah J. O'Sullivan, city solicitor of Lowell, representing the mayor of Lowell, asked betterment of the Boston & Maine service, and the New Haven line from that city. Lateness of 40 minutes to four hours had been experienced in getting from Lowell to Boston in the last month, he said, and lateness to other points was in proportion. Other representatives who spoke for mayors' offices were James E. Hinckley, city solicitor of Woburn, who complained of the serv-

EVENTS TONIGHT

Boston: Arena: Hockey—Canadian Club vs. Victoria, 8:15.

Woman's City Club: Address by Col. Arthur Woods, former associate commissioner on Public Information for Foreign Propaganda. "Dangers to Our Republic," 7:30. 100 Club, 10:45.

Boston University School of Education: Lecture, "Aspects of the Labor Problem," by Prof. W. H. Harlow, 8:30. Boylston Street, 11.

Boston School of Social Science: Lecture, "Irrepressible America," first in series on "Present Day America," by Scott M. Nearing, 8:30. 100 Club, 10:45.

Special Libraries Association: Meeting, lecture on "Business Facts—Their Organization and Interpretation," by Lawrence A. Ford, 8:30. 100 Club, 10:45.

Babson Statistical Institute: Boston School of Filing, Little Building, 8.

Boston Club: Address by Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, "Making the Highways Safe," 8.

Boston Y. W. C. A.: Lecture by Miss Sybil Richards, "How to Make Your Room More Attractive," 8:30. Huntington Ave., 7.

Girls' Club—Show 8.

Winton Fortnightly Club: Guest night, with presentation of "Billeted," 8.

Fond Field Club, Melrose: Readings by James A. Bartlett, English department, Malden High School, Oak Manor, 8.

Theaters

Colonial—Ed. Wynn & Copley—"The Wicked Young Lady," 8:30.

Hollis—"Lightning," 8.

Kings—Vanderbilt, 2:30.

Majestic—Vanderbilt, 2:30.

Park—"The Christian," 8:15.

Plymouth—"How to Make Your Room More Attractive," 8:30. Huntington Ave., 7.

Savoy—"The Fool," 8:15.

St. James—"Madam X," 8:15.

Tremont—"The Comedian," 8:15.

Wilbur—"Listening In," 8:15.

Music

Jordan Hall—Song recital by Vladimir Roetting, 8:15.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Boston League of Women Voters: Luncheon, "What Are Settlements," by Alvan T. Fullerton, 12:15. Government and Frederic W. Cook, secretary of the Commonwealth, "Informing the Voter," 5:30. Joy St., 11.

Public Hearing on House Bill No. 593 which provides for the exemption of public school children from physical examinations, to be held at the State House, Room 440, State House, 10:30.

Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs: Midwinter meeting with distinguished speakers, Boston High School, 10.

Boston Chamber of Commerce: Luncheon, Little Building, 12:30.

Em. Hill Lecture: Women Voters: Meeting, 134 Beaver Street, Roxbury, 2:30.

New England Anti-Vivisection Society: Meeting, 134 Beaver Street, Roxbury, 2:30.

Walsh, vice-president Missouri Anti-Vivisection Society, Tremont Temple, 8.

Music

Steinert Hall—Piano recital by Agnes Hope Pillsbury, 8.

RADIO PROGRAM FEATURES

Tonight

WGI (Medford Hillside)—5:30, market report; 6:45, "What Are Settlements," by Albert J. Kennedy.

KDKA (Pittsburgh)—6:15, concert by Hamilton Institute; 8:45, concert by Ladies' Maplewood Quartette; 9:15, "Inside Story," by Pauline Gifford, Independent Magazine; 9:55, Arlington Time Signals, weather forecast.

KYW (Chicago)—6:30, financial news; top of hour, "Business Outlook," by Pauline Gifford; 7:15, "Financial Exchange," musical program by Isham Jones and College Inn Orchestra.

WOB (Newark)—6:30, "Mental Apprehension," Philo Gifford; 7:15, "Newspaper Traveler," by Leonard Slingland.

WEAF (New York)—7:30, "Girls," by Edna P. Bigelow; 8:45, "How to Control Production Costs," by Nicholas Picker; 8:30, the art of making radio blades; 8:30, concert by National Opera Club Choral.

OKLAHOMA CONSIDERS THREE-ZONE MEASURE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 19 (Special Correspondence)—Early consideration of a zoning measure has been asked of the ninth session of the Oklahoma Legislature. The bill has been reported out by the House Committee on Municipal Corporations.

The measure would give the legislative bodies of cities in the State power to create zones in which height and nature of buildings may be regulated and restricted, and would permit Oklahoma City to create zones for the regulation of its buildings. Three zones, a business, residential and industrial zone, would be established under it.

STATE SUGAR PRICE INQUIRY ADVOCATED

In view of the recent increase in the price of sugar, William A. Carty, a Representative from Boston, introduced an order in the Massachusetts House of Representatives this afternoon calling for a legislative investigation to discover whether the brokers and other dealers in sugar are attempting to corner the sugar market.

In introducing the order, Mr. Carty declared that there seems to be no reason for the recent jump in sugar prices, and he asserted that sugar is selling today in South Boston for 10 cents a pound.

MODIFIED PHYSICAL TEST IS DEMANDED

Many Massachusetts Citizens to Attend Hearing on Bill to Remove Compulsory Feature

Massachusetts citizens from as far away as Springfield are expected to appear at the State House, Boston, tomorrow morning to urge House Bill No. 593, which would place an exemption clause in the present state law that makes the physical examination of public school pupils unrestricted and compulsory. The measure was introduced into the Legislature by Representative Arthur F. Blanchard of Cambridge, and would provide for the exemption from physical examination of children whose parents objected to this practice. Officers of the Medical Liberty League, Inc., are preparing to defend the bill before the Joint Committee on Education, which meets in Room 480 at 10:30 a.m.

In telling a representative of The Christian Science Monitor of the need for legislation in Massachusetts as provided in this bill, Henry D. Nunn, manager of the Medical Liberty League, said:

"The scope of this bill is extremely narrow. It does not raise any issue except the right of parents who object to having their children examined to have their objection respected by the school authorities.

The interest aroused in the issue of physical examination of public school students has come from the drastic action of health authorities in certain cities under the present laws, it was pointed out. Thus those who are expected to appear at the State House hearing will in all probability be from cities and towns where abuses of the present law have been felt. In speaking of this, Mr. Nunn said:

"In localities where the physical examination of school children has been carried to the extreme of disarming girl pupils to the waist, there has been aroused a considerable feeling in favor of modifying the present examination law. Springfield citizens, who have been stirred by the drastic enforcement of the law in some of their schools, are expecting to send a delegation to support the bill. There will also be delegations from Melrose and other near-by cities and towns where parents have been made to realize that the present physical examination law robs them of a measure of parental authority.

Explaining the origin of the exemption clause, which he seeks to have inserted in the present Massachusetts law, Mr. Nunn continued:

The exemption proposed in House Bill No. 593 is almost identical with the exemption provision in the New Hampshire law, and the New Hampshire law in other respects is obviously a copy of the Massachusetts law. In copying our law, however, the New Hampshire Legislature evidently noticed the absence of an appropriate exemption clause, and supplied it. This precedent ought to appeal to the members of the Committee on Education as a reasonable one to follow.

CANADIAN SOCIETY ENTERTAINS MINISTER

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 26—J. E. Perreault of Quebec, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries of the Province of Quebec, was a guest in Manchester last night of the American-Canadian Association at a large reception and installation of group officials of the society. Minister Perreault came as the guest of E. J. Daigleau of Woonsocket, R. I., general president of the Canadian Society.

"The President has said he would like to have the necessary orders granting relief whenever specific instances were brought to his attention," Mr. Rogers said. "I shall advise him of each and every specific instance of which I have knowledge. The demand for this relief in their behalf is greater than any other demand now before the American Government. I shall continue the effort until the last instance of suffering resulting from the coal famine has been eliminated."

Anthracite for Canada

Men in control of legislation would not permit the embargo bill to come up in Congress, Mr. Rogers protested; despite efforts since Nov. 20 last. As a consequence, he pointed out, whole communities are fuelless, cities are opening public buildings to accommodate the public, and retail dealers are out of supplies. While these conditions prevail, New England "five-ton lots" of American anthracite are freely sold in Montreal and elsewhere in Canada at \$16 a ton.

He received also a message today from the Lowell Chamber of Commerce asking that the Interstate Commerce Commission be relieved of its coal shortage conditions there.

The Senate today at the request of David L. Walsh, (D.), Senator from Massachusetts, took a definite step to relieve another distressing situation by adopting a resolution directing the United States Bureau of Mines to report on the advisability of legislation to standardize market grades of anthracite coal shipping in interstate commerce.

Setting forth that the public has a right to know to what extent it is entitled to pay for slate, slag and other fuelless material, the Walsh resolution demands also information as to the extent such impurities have been marketed to the public.

TONIGHT TO GET BACK \$17,500 TAX

BRISTOL, R. I., Feb. 26 (Special)—The town of Bristol has been notified that under a decision of the appellate division of the New York Supreme Court the State of New York must pay to the town treasury the sum of \$17,500, equaling with interest the amount of the transfer of \$17,000 when he valued it conservatively at \$35,000 when it was valued at conservatively at \$60,000. Mr. Hirsh replied that he had no influence and added that he knows of a piece of property in the Back Bay valued at \$200,000 on the assessor's lists and worth \$40,000.

The commission went over Mr. Hirsh's books in detail and took the question under advisement.

MUSIC

Ganna Walska

Yesterday afternoon, in Symphony Hall, Ganna Walska, soprano, gave a recital assisted by Max Kaplick, baritone, and Jeanne Krieger, pianist. Mme. Walska sang arias by Mozart and songs by Delibes and Johann Strauss. Mr. Kaplick sang arias by Trunk and Richard Strauss. Together they sang a duet from Rigoletto.

Mme. Walska's voice does not charm by its quality, nor does she show abundant skill in the use of it.

More than a dozen arias by Mozart

and songs by Delibes and Johann Strauss.

Mr. Kaplick did not shout unmercifully, might give moments of pleasure.

These moments were few and far between. In short the afternoon was not one of unmixed pleasure, yet the audience rewarded the singers with applause.

S. M.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS

U. S. Weather Bureau Report

BOSTON and vicinity: Rain or snow and warmer tonight and Tuesday; increasing east to south winds, becoming westerly Thursday.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND: Rain or snow and somewhat warmer tonight; Tuesday and rain; increasing southeast winds.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND: Snow or rain and Tuesday; warmer tonight and in Maine and southern New Hampshire; increasing southwest and south winds.

Weather Outlook

Disturbances in the southwest will move east northeastward during the next two days, attended by general precipitation, with a form of rain in the states east of the Mississippi River. The temperature will remain above normal during the next two days.

Official Temperature

(8 a.m. Standard time, 75th meridian)

Albany 30

Atlantic City 34

Boston 28

Buffalo 28

Chicago 24

Dayton 24

Florida 20

Green Bay 24

Hartford 15

Highway 24

Indians 24

Jacksonville 60

Montgomery 38

Montreal 12

Newark 20

New York 24

Philadelphia 36

Portland, Me. 18

Portland, Ore. 24

St. Louis 40

St. Paul 28

Washington 38

Winnipeg 24

Winnipeg, Man. 24

Winnipeg, Ont. 24

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GERMANS RESENT PLAN TO SEPARATE RUHR FROM REICH

British Labor Internationalization
Proposal Declared Unjust—
French Must Leave District

By A. H. WILLIAMS
Special Cable

BERLIN, Feb. 26—While trial balloons are being sent up in England, France and Germany with a view of reaching some kind of an understanding which might be made the basis of negotiations between Germany and France, The Christian Science Monitor correspondent here is authoritatively informed that some of the most powerful influences in Germany are working to the end of definite proposals with regard to reparations—proposals backed by guarantees—being made by Wilhelmsstrasse directly to Downing Street.

The views are held that if proposals are made which would satisfy England that Germany stood solidly at the back of them, and these proposals were put forward with absolute good faith, then Mr. Bonar Law would feel justified in taking matters up with France of a view to bringing about a conference.

In the meantime the trial balloon sent up by the British Labor leaders late last week, when they enunciated a scheme for the internationalizing of the Ruhr district, was brought down here yesterday when spokesmen of two of the leading parties declared the scheme impracticable and unjust to Germany.

Probable German Statement

Baron Werner von Rheinbaben of the German Peoples Party declared that while Germany was willing to negotiate, it would not negotiate on such terms. The Social-Democratic leaders also declared they would have nothing to do with it. Baron von Rheinbaben admitted, incidentally, that "the German Government in the near future would probably issue a statement to the effect that passive resistance was only a means to an end, the only bridge leading to negotiations." He added that the Cabinet perhaps would also publish Germany's offer of Jan. 2, which was never discussed at the Paris Conference. Such a statement made by the Government would be an official admission that the Cabinet was willing to negotiate even while the French are still in the Ruhr district.

Discussing the British Labor scheme, Baron von Rheinbaben said, "The scheme of internationalizing the Ruhr district is an artificial thing, which cannot work. It is absolutely useless to construct such schemes on a theoretical basis which cannot be realized in practice."

Government Would Fall

"I fail to understand the attitude of the other side when it declares 'we shall take the Ruhr district away from you and internationalize it.' That is going to fail. There are certain limits undefinable, I admit, but nevertheless they exist—beyond which one cannot go. If the French believe they can stay forever in the Ruhr, let them think so; we know better. But any government that would put its signature to a paper which internationalizes the Ruhr district would be bound to fall. If it were a Social-Democratic government, many would refuse to obey it any longer."

From an authoritative Social-Democrat side, The Christian Science Monitor correspondent is informed that the trial balloon sent up by the British Labor men would meet with little approval here.

"Apart from the labor questions, we want the French to leave the Ruhr district," one of the German Labor leaders said; "the internationalizing of the Ruhr would separate Germans from the German Administration. The Ruhr district is German territory; no one has the right to take it away from Germany. We hope a better plan is under way."

German Miners Refuse to Dig Under Compulsion

By Special Cable

ESSEN, Feb. 26—Many complaints have been made by the inhabitants of Gelsenkirchen as to money and goods taken by the French to make up the fine of 1,000,000 marks levied on the town. The French have now left Gelsenkirchen and police are again on the streets, but there are no police in Essen and insecurity is increasing.

Bochum, where one man was killed and two wounded by French soldiers firing into a crowd, is now under martial law and was strongly held by French troops with artillery last night. The Mayor was arrested with four magistrates, a Justizrat and 18 leading officials of the town, but these have now been released, together with 50 other citizens.

The people are greatly excited in Bochum, where the French are requisitioning food and goods. The colored troops which were sent to Werdens and Kupferdrift have now been withdrawn, which act is said to be due to the moral effect the incident had on the Anglo-Saxons world.

In the course of an interview Herr Wapdhecker, vice-president of the German miners' union said that the miners of the Ruhr would refuse to dig coal for France under compulsion. Herr Wapdhecker said that the coal France and Belgium had got since the occupation of the Ruhr was 49,000 tons only, when the miners would have delivered nearly 2,000,000 tons in January voluntarily. "We will continue to hold out, for we would rather die than work in slavery," said the miners' vice-president.

NEW CANADIAN JUDGE ADMITS JAPANESE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 8 (Special Correspondence)—Judge Cayley of the County Court of Vancouver, who has been appointed naturalized judge for the present year for this district, is taking up a different position in regard to conferring Canadian citizenship on Japanese than did his predecessor. The latter during the

past few years consistently refused to grant naturalization to Japanese on the ground that they made undesirable Canadian citizens, inasmuch as they always retained their Japanese nationality and owed allegiance to the Mikado.

Judge Cayley takes the position that he must treat Japanese as he does applicants of other nationalities; the responsibility resting with the Canadian Government. When he opened the naturalization court this week he read a letter from the Secretary of State at Ottawa in which it was made clear that the naturalization judge had no discretion in the matter. The qualifications for the Japanese were the same as for other nationalities, five years' residence out of the past eight years, ability to speak the English language, and character eligibility.

EXTREMIST TURKS STAND BY RUSSIA

Colossal Task Confronts Kemal Pasha of Silencing Irreconcilable Opponents

By Special Cable

MYTILENE, Feb. 26—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Nationalist Turks, is at present confronted with the colossal task of silencing his irreconcilable opponents, who form a formidable bloc in the Grand National Assembly and who are bent on overthrowing his efforts to reach an agreement with the allied powers. The extremists insist upon an alignment with Soviet Russia, arguing that the Turkish diplomatic success at Lausanne was due exclusively to the energetic support of Moscow.

In support of their stand the extremists quote Georgi Tchitcherin's recent declaration that the Bolsheviks are determined to oppose any forces that attempt to endanger universal peace or menace oppressed peoples.

Colonel Plastiras Stands Firm

The other side of the picture as shown by the news from Athens reveals Colonel Plastiras, the Greek revolutionary leader, in an uncompromising mood. In a speech yesterday he declared that Greece would never consent to further sacrifices. As for internal questions, the predominant subject was the coming elections which, he said, would be carried out with the utmost honesty. Electoral pressure would not be exerted upon the people, who would be given every opportunity to choose the most helpful elements to represent them in Parliament. The revolutionary government cherishes no preference for the political ideas of any particular candidate, being interested only in the patriotic efforts of the deputies to restore the country to its normal condition.

Meanwhile relief work goes on apace. The American Red Cross is doing its utmost to meet the critical situation here. Shortage of funds puts the organization in an embarrassing situation, but recourse is to be had to stringent economy to spare any impairment of the work.

The Refugee Problem

Mr. Gregory, the field manager, in a letter to Governor Evreweos, explains the position as follows:

It must be remembered that the duration of our work in Greece will largely depend upon the economy exercised by our field managers in the distribution of our funds, and while it is our intention to meet the situation fully as regards actual refugees, we wish to avoid assisting those who are able to take care of themselves. Our policy is to stand between needy refugees and starvation, until such time as the emergency has passed.

Drastic measures are necessary to remedy the situation, in view of the fact that charity deteriorates the character of the recipients, and one proposal which finds general approval is that the refugees should either be repatriated or installed on lands and endowed with means to work out their own way. But the question arises: Who will undertake this difficult task? The hands of Greece are too full, and it is generally contended that it is the duty of Europe and America, who decided on the merciless exchange of populations, to find a way out of the impasse.

WYOMING OBSERVES CODY DAY IN HONOR OF "BUFFALO BILL"

CODY, Wyo., Feb. 26 (Special)—Wyoming is today commemorating "Cody Day" by action of the Legislature, which has designated "Buffalo Bill's" birthday as an occasion for observance. The event calls attention to the memorial to be unveiled here on July 24, next year, for which the Boy Scouts of the World are raising funds. This memorial is designed as a gift from all peoples to the State of Wyoming in recognition of the courage, resourcefulness, and artistic idealism of its best-known citizen. Plans are being made for the presence of thousands of Boy Scouts from England, France, and many other countries.

They will come here to the spot which, after looking the world over, Colonel Cody chose as his home and hunting lodge. Cody is seated in the heart of the Rockies and at the entrance to Yellowstone Park. Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, noted New York sculptress, is spending a year modeling a statue of "Buffalo Bill." The design shows a more youthful outline than old-timers are wont to recall.

Designs will be sent to the Buffalo Bill memorial committee in Cody for approval. It is estimated that the memorial will cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

At the great gathering of Boy Scouts in Cody in 1924 there will be a great wild west show and an exhibition of all possible relics and mementoes of Buffalo Bill.

WIRELESS IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 15 (Special Correspondence)—The preparation of the South African wireless station is proceeding apace, and within a few days the first wireless messages will be sent over 15,000-foot lattice steel masts. The tenders are invited from South African firms, and are in accordance with the policy of the Marconi Company to obtain as much material and work as possible from South African sources.

INTERNATIONAL COURT SOLVES PROBLEMS THREATENING WAR

Has Been Functioning Since January, 1922—Co-operation of America Declared to Be Urgent

By FREDERIC WILLIAM WILE
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—In asking the Senate to sanction American adhesion to the Permanent Court of International Justice, President Harding and Secretary Hughes seek to take the United States into a going concern.

The court's first judges were elected in September, 1921. It held its first organization meeting in January, 1922, and in June of last year it began its sessions for the hearing of cases.

During the months of July and August the court delivered three "advisory opinions," each concerning questions of jurisdiction submitted by the International Labor Office at Geneva. The principal decision was that the competence of the International Labor organization extends to international regulation of the conditions of agricultural employment.

The first real international dispute submitted to the court was presented on Oct. 2, 1922. It was a controversy between Great Britain and France over the nationality laws of Tunis and Morocco—the kind of differences that in the past have been traditional breeders of war. Later some of the powers that signed the Treaty of Versailles quarreled regarding the precise status of the Kiel Canal, bisecting Germany between the Baltic and North seas. That dispute, too, it is planned to have threshed out before the Permanent Court of International Justice.

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Three months later, in his campaign speech at Boston on Oct. 30, on behalf of Senator Lodge, Mr. Hughes expressed the belief that "suitable arrangements can be made for the participation by this Government in the election of judges of the International court which has been set up, so that this Government may give it formal support to that court as an independent tribunal of international justice."

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EDUCATION RULED BY POLITICS DECLARED TO MENACE SCHOOLS

In 28 States County Superintendents Are Still Elected by
"Machine," Not Ability—Many Forced to Retire

CLEVELAND, Feb. 26 (Staff Correspondence)—Let other groups discuss the political changes in Congress because of the last elections; the department of rural education of the National Education Association is concerned with the débâcle in which county superintendents of instruction were mowed down right and left.

In 28 states, county superintendents are still elected by politics, not by ability. In the last election hundreds of superintendents who had been in office for several years and who had carried through campaigns for new schools or improved equipment which cost the taxpayers' money paid the price by retirement to private life.

The reason lies in marketing, say leading representatives of the department of rural education. The farmers were unable to get the prices for their produce which the cost of production merited and therefore they cut down on school expenditures and cut out those who wanted to carry on ambitious programs of education. For this reason this year's meeting of the department of rural education in Cleveland from Feb. 26 to March 2 will spotlight county superintendents and at the big evening meeting in connection with the department of superintendence of the National Education Association on Feb. 27 the rural department will have for its speaker, Aaron Sapiro of New York, national attorney for farmers' co-operative associations. Mr. Sapiro's topic will be the Economic Background in Rural Education.

Methods to Be Changed

The meeting inaugurates a big drive for a change in legislation controlling the election of county superintendents and for a change in the attitude of the professional people themselves. Most large cities now elect a board, the average membership being seven men and women, who in turn employ the superintendents of education. It is hoped to extend this system to the rural schools.

The department comes to this meeting in better condition than ever before. It is publishing its own magazine, the *Journal of Rural Education*, and it is prepared to take an active stand on the great problems in its own field which so vitally affect the entire educational situation. Four years ago the department was made over from the department of agricultural education, which was concerned mainly with the vocational aspects of the question.

Now it is concerned with the elimination of child labor on the farms, with better schools for the Negro children, with consolidated schools, the democratization of the rural school so that it fills its place in the general plan of democracy, and with the establishment of rural high schools.

New Problem of Consolidation
"One of the most serious problems facing rural educators is consolidation," said Miss Mabel Carney of Columbia University and secretary of the department of rural education, in an interview for The Christian Science Monitor. She added:

We must be sure that we consolidate on the right basis. There are now 12,000 consolidated schools in the United States. We must see that they are standards. If they have not the right kind of teachers and the right type of instruction they are no better than the one-room schools, which they are supposed to supersede.

Thirty-eight per cent of all school children in the United States are in one- and two-teacher rural schools. For these 8,000 children the per capita expenditure for educational purposes is \$24 annually while for city children the same figure is \$40. For them also the annual school term averages 38 days

shorter, which means, in the large, that country children have an actual elementary school period of only six years whereas urban children under better teachers and better conditions have eight years.

Rural Problems

But this is not all. Even the meager terms supported for rural children are not poorly conducted and less well attended. Country children lose 25 per cent of the seven months' school term provided for. Urban children lose much smaller parts, only 21 per cent of the nine months' term provided in cities.

So great is this handicap that illiteracy is twice as bad in rural areas as in urban districts and child labor among rural children three times as frequent among urban children. Because of the heavy toll of farm labor on the young people of the farms, high school advantages for rural youth have been sadly neglected and are estimated to be but one-sixth as generous as those provided for urban youth.

Most serious of all is the teaching situation in rural schools. "As far as I can see, so far as school life goes from this angle, not little can be expected of the rural schools. Just half the rural teachers of the United States, or 150,000, have never completed a four-year high school course. Ten per cent, or 30,000, have finished only the eighth grade. Only 10 per cent are normal school graduates, and 15,000, chiefly in Negro rural schools, are not more than sixth grade product.

Menace of Politics

Contributing still further to the menace of this situation is the scarcity and inefficiency of rural school supervision. Only 12 states provide professionally-prepared supervisors for rural schools, while the whole problem is still further complicated in 28 of our 48 states through the political election of county superintendents on a basis of partisan politics.

On its program the department of rural education has provided for the study of these problems. The sessions will begin next Tuesday afternoon, with a discussion of the facts and future of the county superintendency. Miss Minnie J. Nelson, State Superintendent of North Dakota, will introduce the subject, which will be followed by a discussion of the report of the National Education Association Committee on County Superintendents' Problems, as presented in detail by Lee L. Driver of Pennsylvania. Supt. C. G. Cooper of Baltimore, County, Maryland, will discuss the practical working of the county unit, and Miss Charl O. Williams, former president of the American Education Association, will conclude the session with an analysis of the next step in professionalizing the office of county superintendent.

Section Meetings
Wednesday afternoon, March 1, will be devoted to section meetings. On Thursday morning the department of rural education will meet in joint session with the county superintendents of the department of superintendence. "Rural School Administration and the County Unit" will be the topic, and the speakers will be T. H. Harris, State Superintendent of Education for Louisiana; Benjamin J. Burris, State Superintendent of Indiana; Miss May Trumper, State Superintendent of Montana; C. L. Coon, superintendent of schools in Wilson County, North Carolina; and M. S. Pittman of the Normal College of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Thursday afternoon will be given over to the consolidation of rural schools with papers by Charles A. Lory, president of the State Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Col.; Macay Campbell, State Teachers' College, Cedar Falls, Ia.; and Leslie B. Sipple, State Normal School, Aberdeen, S. D.

Friday

CLEVELAND GREETS COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Administrative Teachers Meet in
Semiannual Session to
Outline Work

CLEVELAND, Feb. 26 (Staff Correspondence)—Breakfast conferences to-morrow and on Wednesday and Thursday at the Hotel Cleveland will bring together one of the most interesting groups meeting in connection with the convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association. The National Council of Administrative Women in Education, which is to have the conference, was organized in Oakland, Cal., during the 1915 convention of the National Education Association. Its objects as defined at that time are, "the unification of the activities of all school women holding administrative positions, and co-operation with other organizations in the investigation and solution of educational problems."

The council meets twice a year, once in the summer in connection with the general meeting of the National Education Association and again for a business conference and the handing of reports in connection with the sessions of the Department of Superintendence.

The membership of the Council is drawn from all over the country, the term "administrative women" including women holding positions in schools or school systems as follows: Superintendents of schools—state, city and county; assistant, deputy and district superintendents; principals, presidents, or administrative heads; assistants to principals of high schools; deans of colleges, normal and secondary schools; heads of departments in college, normal, and secondary schools; administrative heads of special branches—art, music, household arts, physical education, library, etc.; and supervisors of departments, or divisions of school systems, as of kindergartens, primary or elementary grades, or of rural schools.

The National Council has a number of state branches which have conventions in connection with state and sectional groups of other kinds, and it also has local branches in a number of cities, including Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, and Kenosha, Wis.

There are four lines in which the organization is especially interested, recruiting teachers, equal representation by men and women, provision of adequate living conditions for teachers and equal recognition of equally qualified teachers, not only by professional and social means but by equal compensation. Other lines to which the attention of the organization is being directed, according to its president, Mrs. Mary D. Bradford of Washington, Del., are the "no-more-war movement and advancement in teacher training."

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EDUCATORS HEAR TIGERT PLEA FOR CABINET MERGER

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PRIVATE BANK RESTRICTIONS PROPOSED FOR MASSACHUSETTS

Legislative Committee Recommends Measure to Prevent Operations After Manner of Bucket Shops

Drastic legislation to remedy conditions in Massachusetts under which small private banks, licensed by the Commonwealth to receive deposits of money for safe-keeping and transmission, are being operated after the manner of illegal bucket shops, is urged in the report of the special Commission on Banking Laws filed today with the General Court.

The investigations of the commission, the report says, reveal that these institutions have made their chief business that of gambling in foreign exchange and have fostered speculation among the foreign-born. It has also been discovered that the existing statutes leave a loophole which permits these houses to operate outside of the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth and its supervision.

Evidence has been received, the commission reports, that one or more of the former associates of Charles Ponzi, alleged international counter speculator, are not engaged in this type of business and are outside the reach of the law designed to control them. The reports cite the Universal Exchange, "banking and brokerage" concern operated by former officials of closed Boston trust companies, the Lowell Exchange Corporation and G. S. Duarte & Co.

Points to 69 Failures

The special commission was authorized by the Legislature of 1922 to investigate the need of revision of savings bank investment laws and laws governing foreign and private banking corporations. The first task was found to be largely technical in character, and the later developed that "the foreign exchange transactions of these banks are extensive throughout the State, and that through them large sums of money are being applied to the buying and selling on margins, by contract or by cash, of foreign currencies.

Going into the history of these private banks the commission points out that between 1907 and 1921 they received \$139,483,327 for transmission to foreign countries and the total for 1921 was \$15,216,116. To remedy the situation, therefore, the commission reports legislation prohibiting, or persons, partnership, corporation, or association from carrying on the business of transmitting money abroad in sums averaging less than \$500, except "duly incorporated banks, express companies having contracts with railroad or steamship companies or doing an international express business, or Canada.

BOSTON RECORDS VEHICLE TRAFFIC

Arlington and Boylston Corner Is Second Busiest

Vehicle traffic is heavier at the corner of Arlington and Boylston streets than it is at the corner of Washington and Summer streets, contrary to a general belief, according to an actual count made by the Minute Men of the Boston Chamber of Commerce for Thomas F. Goode, deputy superintendent of police. The heaviest traffic of all three points where the count was taken was at Tremont and Boylston streets.

The count was taken especially for the use of the Boston police, in connection with the problem of handling traffic and the hope of the police department of establishing tower traffic lights in Boston, similar to those now in use in New York City. Total vehicles of all kinds passing Tremont and Boylston streets during the full day the count was made numbered 14,039 while the number at Arlington and Boylston streets was 12,534, and at Washington and Summer streets, 7228.

Details show the traffic at Tremont and Boylston streets to have been divided as follows: 9602 passenger automobiles, 3571 automobile trucks and 466 horse-drawn vehicles. At Arlington and Boylston streets there were 2952 passenger automobiles, 2415 trucks, 264 horse-drawn vehicles and 903 street cars. At Summer and Washington streets there were 4295 passenger automobiles, 2457 trucks and 536 horse-drawn vehicles.

Prominent Speakers Expected

It is expected that at this meeting, George W. Wickersham, former Attorney-General of the United States, or Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, or both, will be present and address the clergy. It is also possible that Henry Morgenthau of New York will be at the early meeting and take part in the discussion.

From 2:30 in the afternoon until 5 o'clock a meeting is to be held in the vestry of the Park Street Church where representatives of 10 other centers surrounding Boston, including

the city's police force, such as would have been necessary had policemen taken the count. The work was under the direction of the Joint Committee on Street Traffic Conditions in Boston, each man working two hours before being relieved.

Deputy Superintendent Goode has been making a detailed study of traffic conditions in Boston, with a view of relieving the pressure at congested points, and reports considerable progress along that line.

UNITED STATES RADIATOR GAINS DETROIT, Feb. 26—For the year ended Jan. 31, 1928, net earnings of the United States Radiator Corporation were \$1,216,582 after taxes and all charges compared with \$436,607 the previous year.

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Salem, Newburyport, Fall River, New Bedford and other cities, will hold a practical conference and arrange for holding corresponding meetings with the further purpose of planning for five peace meetings in centers around each of these smaller cities or 60 such meetings in all this spring.

In the evening a grand world peace meeting is to be held in Symphony Hall at which it is expected that Mr. Wickersham, Professor Fisher and Mr. Morgenthau will be present and make addresses.

Other Meetings Scheduled

Other New England peace meetings under the four organizations are to be held in March and in April in Concord, N. H.; Portland, Me.; Springfield, Mass., and New Haven, Conn.

Other meetings for March and April are scheduled for New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Denver, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Tex.; Wichita, Kan.; Fargo, N. D.; Scranton, Pa.; New Brunswick, N. J.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Omaha, Neb.; Cheyenne, Wyo., and Salt Lake City.

RHODE ISLAND FARMERS ADVISED

Advantages of Specialization Pointed Out by Economist

KINGSTON, R. I., Feb. 26 (Special)

The Rhode Island farmer must specialize to meet market conditions, develop along more advantageous lines and relinquish less advantageous lines to farmers in other parts of the country, is in substance the advice to farmers given by Prof. Henry B. Hall, economist at the State Agricultural Experimental Station here, in a bulletin on a recently completed survey.

The period at the close of the Civil War, when real estate values were greatly inflated, found investments in mortgaged by Massachusetts savings banks at a high peak, which ended with a panic. These banks about 10 years after the close of the war brought disaster and ruin to many in its wake. Another war has brought an inflation in real estate values, and while not predicting any such situation as that which developed in 1878, the committee feels that this is not time to favor a change in the laws which would serve to and possibly encourage savings banks to jeopardize the security of their position.

Split mortgages are also rejected as investments by the majority of the commission, and the commission fails to favor investment in railroad equipment bonds, mainly on account of the past history of investment in railroad securities. The commission also refuses to broaden the investment laws to include bonds of the Dominion of Canada.

Professor Hall says there is a constant tendency to ignore the Providence market, which is the best market, for markets closer at hand, but with good roads available now this fault should be corrected. The farmer must learn, he adds, to sort and pack goods to bring commanding prices, as there is always a market for No. 1 or fancy commodities. Professor Hall urges a standardization of farm products and organization of the co-operating between grower and produce dealer.

TEXTILE FACT-FINDING PROJECT IS ATTACKED

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 26 (Special)—Asserting that it is the per capita production per spindle that determines labor cost and that in the per capita production per spindle the workers in the northern mills beat those of the south, Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America, said yesterday that the proposed Rhode Island fact-finding commission "will be nothing but a junket that will cost the State \$10,000 and when it returns the members will gravely announce that wages in the south are less than in the north."

Mr. McMahon said that the textile workers would advocate a fact-finding commission if it were endowed with the power to compel manufacturers to produce their books for examination and if its members were appointed not upon the basis of political affiliations but upon their reputation for fairness.

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TAX DISPOSITION MEASURE ARGUED

Boston Finance Board Would Have Collections Applied to Year of Issue of Bills

Why the Massachusetts Legislature

should enact into law his bill providing that back taxes, when collected by the city of Boston, shall be applied to the payment of temporary loans made in anticipation of the collection of these taxes, or for the reduction of the tax rate of the current year, or both, was argued today by Michael H. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston Finance Commission, before the legislative committee on municipal finance.

Rupert S. Carven, auditor of the city of Boston, opposed such a measure, stating that each year he and his predecessors in Boston had invariably handed over to the board of assessors the cash balances on hand at the beginning of each fiscal year, to be applied to lowering the tax limit.

He insisted that he would dare go no further than that. He said he could not estimate the amount of back taxes which would likely be collected closely enough to be applied to the reduction of the tax rate.

Noting in Law

Chairman Sullivan argued that the practice obtaining in Boston of borrowing in anticipation of taxes and then applying the back taxes, when collected, to the payment of current expenses was not warranted in law. James M. Curley, Mayor of Boston, and Auditor Carven both insisted that there was nothing illegal in this practice which the Mayor asserted had existed for more than 30 years without challenge even by the Finance Commission itself. He asked if the present activity of the commission was due to the fact that he is Mayor. Chairman Sullivan promptly disclaimed any such intention and recalled the fact that he had begun his inquiry during Mayor Peters' administration.

Chairman Sullivan said that he had introduced a similar bill last year but had failed to press it when he understood from Auditor Carven that the city would use the back taxes when collected to reduce the tax limit and pay special appropriations. He said that this had not been done, hence he is pressing the bill now.

Auditor Carven said that he believed that the City of Boston's finances are better conducted than those of any other large city in the United States. He said that he always tried to bring down the tax rate when possible and recalled the fact that he had applied \$1,000,000 which had been got from income taxes and from the Boston Elevated last year to the reduction of the tax rate when he did not have to do so.

All Cash Surpluses Used

Mr. Carven argued all cash surpluses, even those of the school committee, are used each year to reckon as assets whereby the taxes may be lowered. He said that from the estimated revenue of the city, the cash surplus in hand and the back taxes which have been collected the estimated of the current year's tax rate is determined by the board of assessors.

Chairman Sullivan insisted that his

proposal would not be adopted.

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SOVIET RUSSIA TRIES TO GAIN POSSESSION OF EASTERN ROAD

Chang Tso-lin at Present Holds Railroad for China—South Manchurian Road Benefits by Dispute

HARBIN, Jan. 23 (Special Correspondence)—The fact that the Chinese Eastern railroad is a railroad on Chinese soil and that Soviet Russia has stated that the property would be turned over to China under certain conditions is sufficient reason, Chinese authorities say, that delivery should be made regardless of terms.

There have been postponements of the conference between China and Russia with the Chinese Eastern as the leading feature in the agenda for some months. Now it is said that the parley will take place late in March. The unsettled condition of the Peking Government is given as the ground for putting off the meeting.

What Super-Tchun Chang Tso-lin will do is perhaps the chief problem that stands in the path of the solution of the future of the Chinese Eastern. He is now in the position of holding the road for China, and in allying himself with the anti-Bolshevik cause, he is playing a shrewd game of politics. With Soviet Russia as partners with the Chinese in the management and operation of the road, there would be no need of the tens of thousands of troops that Chang Tso-lin now maintains to guard the line. A few hundred well-disciplined Russian soldiers could guard the road and keep off the almost daily attacks of the bandits, an accomplishment that the Chinese soldiery has signally failed in.

Propaganda Concerning Red Troops

Propaganda, persistently used, about the intention of the Red troops taking over the Chinese Eastern by force of arms is a further excuse for the increase of the army of the Mukden war lord, one that he is not slow to take advantage of. So, no matter what conference is held at Peking, its conclusions, without the approval of Chang Tso-lin, will be naught but

words. The Red troops could take over the road. The men and the guns are available.

In old régime circles, there is ever the specter of the coming of the Reds. The White Guards take no stock in the promise of the Soviet leader, that there will be no armed intervention into Chinese territory. They point to what took place in Mongolia. They scoff at the thought of possible recognition of Soviet Russia by any of the powers, and fully expect to be the victims of court-martial trials by the officers of the Red troops.

South Manchuria Road Benefits

In the meantime the South Manchuria road is reaping a heavy harvest of tonnage, as the relations between the Chinese Eastern and the all-Russian road do not make for the interchange of traffic, to which must be added the contract of July, 1922. During last year it was claimed by one of the Soviet agencies that 200 cars of cement were offered to the western terminus of the Chinese Eastern, with the intention of selling the lot in Harbin. In order to compete with the Japanese product it was necessary to sell in this market at 15 yen a barrel. The freight from Manchuria to Harbin was fixed at 10 gold rubles a barrel, in train load lots, leaving 5 yen a barrel for the cement, the barrel and the freight from the Siberian station where it was manufactured. The tariff in effect from a station on the Chita line, about the same distance that Manchuria, the western terminus of the Chinese Eastern, is from Harbin was 20% kopecks a pood, while the Chinese Eastern demanded 45% kopecks a pood. While under Russian control the Chinese Eastern road on cement from Manchuria to Harbin was under 20 kopecks a pood.

COTTON CO-OPERATIVES PLAN TO SELL 1,000,000 BALES IN 1923

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makes a cotton planter sit up and take notice for he knows from bitter experience what happens to him when he tries to sell "snaps" and "bolides" on the street.

Outline Bright

The association is now about half-way through its second year. No one can set down the figures of what the relation will be between operating cost and gross sales, or the average price of association cotton compared with street prices, but it is quite certain that both will be better than last year because the whole business organization is on a sounder and more economical basis. Lessons have been learned from the mistakes that were made last year, the accounting and grading systems are running with perfect precision, and new arrangements have been made for concentration, which has greatly reduced the cost of warehousing. In other words, the association has been shaken down into a smooth-running, efficient business organization whose operations can be counted on to show a steady growth in the years to come.

I have already described so many of these co-operative marketing associations for cotton that it is unnecessary to go into details about this one. Suffice to say that it follows in general the outline the cotton associations in the other states in the cotton belt. It binds its members with the same form of five-year contract, and it is organized by districts—in this case congressional districts have been taken as the nucleus—and it has the same system of orderly marketing, using the available machinery for disposing of its wares in various sections of the United States and in the foreign countries to which the majority of American cotton is sold.

Reason for Small Showings

Perhaps it may be said that the Texas association is not very strong, because it can show receipts of only 93,802 bales out of a total crop of 2,198,000 bales for the State of Texas in 1921, and only 78,000 bales out of a total crop of 3,290,000 bales in 1922. One must remember, however, the size of Texas. Compare it with Denmark, for instance, where over 90 per cent of the farmers are co-operatively organized. Fifty Danmarks could be set down in Texas without intruding on the Panhandle, and cotton is grown in this state from the Gulf of Mexico to a line drawn through the Panhandle 50 miles north of Amarillo.

Just the physical labor of spreading the gospel of co-operation to all the farmers of this state would require the energies of a large corps of men for several years. The association has not done badly, considering the area of the field of its operations. Moreover, it has had its antagonists, like all other co-operative marketing associations, and in this case it has met with resistance from the planters with large holdings of land and great capital resources. They have yet to be convinced that they can market their cotton to better advantage through co-operation than by the old system, and they are not so easily persuaded by the arguments of social advantages as are the small farmers and tenants. Consequently, the membership of this association is largely made up of the "small fry"—the five and ten-bale farmers.

Louisiana and Tennessee

I have now covered the cotton belt of the United States, visiting every state where cotton is grown in quantity except Louisiana and Tennessee. In every state except those two there are co-operative cotton marketing associations operating. There is also an association having over 10,000 members in Arizona where Egyptian cotton is grown. Campaigns are now being conducted in Louisiana and Tennessee for the formation of cotton cooperatives among the farmers, but it is not likely that those associations will be in a position to begin selling until the 1924 crop comes in.

This movement for the handling of

or that the bankers were consciously influenced by cupidity to make loans to the cotton associations.

The thing that happened was this. The War Finance Corporation offered to lend certain amounts of money to these co-operative associations at 6 per cent interest. The corporation had strict rules as to the handling of the security. When the bankers saw that the Government was going to lend this money at 6 per cent, and when they saw how secure those loans were under the War Finance Corporation's rules, they naturally figured that it would be better for them to get the 6 per cent interest than for the Government to get it, and they came forward with their offers.

One or two of these cotton co-operative associations are still carrying loans with the War Finance Corporation, but the majority of them are not. They can all of them obtain all the money they have security for either from their local banks or from the big money centers of the country. The banks in New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, and the interior are all competing for their paper. They are not only satisfied with the co-operative system, they are exulting in it.

The Cotton Exchange

I have said that these state associations are co-ordinated. They are in several ways. There is the American Cotton Growers' Exchange with headquarters in Atlanta. This organization is headed by J. R. Howard, who is not only one of the highest authorities in the country on cotton, but who is heart and soul for co-operation and is thoroughly familiar with all the "ins" and "outs" of the system; the pitfalls and the pinches. The function of the exchange is to act as buyer and seller of cotton from every state association, but also it fosters the co-operative marketing idea. Every state co-operative association conducts its business openly. They have to, for it is the only way they can hope to hold their membership together. The American Cotton Exchange is an exchange for ideas as well as for cotton. It keeps in touch with all the state associations and passes on the good ideas and warns against the poor ones.

The cotton co-operative associations

are fostered and linked up with other agricultural co-operative movements through other agencies. Both the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Farmers' Union are doing a great deal along these lines. Both organizations have had a good deal of experience with co-operative work, especially the Farmers' Union, which was the pioneer in co-operatively-owned elevators and the co-operative insurance companies that are sprinkled all over the country. These organizations are also agencies through which the political development of the co-operative movement can be carried on, not only for the cotton growers but for farmers of every kind as well.

Co-operation is not a panacea for all the difficulties in American agriculture. It is a stepping stone, however, to a change in the economic condition of farmers, the fullness whereof will mean stability and prosperity, but the fulfillment of which is as yet hidden in the mists of tomorrow.

Record of Achievement

Even at this early stage in their development the co-operative associations will handle approximately one-tenth of the 1922 crop, or close on 1,000,000 bales. That in itself is an achievement that outstrips anything that occurred in the development of corporate control in commerce and industry at a similar period in the establishment of that system. It must be remembered that as corporate power in industry waxed strong it was sustained by an immense body of law—both federal and state—that sought to codify the various practices which experience had proved successful. Compared with corporate law, the body of co-operative law is as yet very meager.

The development of co-operative marketing of cotton seems assured for two reasons that are fundamental to the success of new departure in economics. First, the credit facilities of the country have been put at the disposal of the co-operative marketing associations, and second, there is sufficient co-operation among the various state associations to insure the improvement and stabilizing of methods, and to enable them to act in concert politically. Let us examine these separately.

Banks Skeptical at First

In the beginning the banks were skeptical about lending money to co-operative associations that had no capital stock, and no assets except the cotton which their members delivered to them. Big bankers in the money centers did not have enough confidence in the associations to lend them money. In other words, the bankers had to be "sold" on the co-operative marketing plan before they were willing to be come creditors of these associations.

How did the co-operatives go about "selling" their plan to the bankers? In several ways. In some cases the co-operative associations chose for their officers men who were favorably known to the bankers as producers and merchants of cotton and as conservative bankers themselves. These officers went to the bankers in New York, Chicago or New Orleans, from whom they wished to borrow money and laid their cards on the table. They were able to show that they had a good selling plan, and that the security for the loans, cotton properly warehoused and insured, against which the most rigid form of warehouse certificates had been issued, was as good as any where. The amount of the loan they asked for each bale of cotton was conservative, and the accounting system which enabled the lender to keep track of his security amply protected him.

War Corporation "Bait"

Some of the biggest banks in the United States were convinced of the soundness of these loans to co-operative marketing associations in 1921, and they advanced large amounts of money. Other banks were still skeptical or recalcitrant, especially those smaller banks sprinkled throughout the cotton belt. To reach them, the bait of cupidity was dangled before them. I do not mean to say that a conscious appeal was made to greed,

PUBLIC UTILITIES' MUST OPEN BOOKS

California Rail Commission Head Hints Public Suspects Hidden Source of Revenue

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 12 (Special Correspondence)—Henceforth all public utilities corporations in this State will be required to file statements and an accounting of donations, contributions, subscriptions and cash balances on or before March 10, according to an announcement of the Railroad Commission of California.

This ruling requires that "all public

utilities" having gross annual operating revenues of \$25,000 or over prepare and file a statement showing the names of all officers or employees who, during 1922, received a salary of \$3,000 or more per annum; the amount of any contingent fee paid each such officer or employee during 1922, and the title and duties of each such officer or employee.

These concerns are also required to file with the railroad commission a statement showing for each of the years 1920 to 1922 the total donations, subscriptions and contributions of all kinds and the total payments to attorneys, "both of said totals to be distributed to accounts as charged on the 'utilities' books during 1920, 1921 and 1922." These corporations are further required to report the amount of cash they had for all purposes on Dec. 31, 1922, the names of banks or other financial institutions with whom such cash was deposited, and the rate of interest received, and the amount of cash in the "utilities" treasury.

These rulings are held to be the most drastic ever made in California for state inspection of corporation affairs, and are made that the public interest may be more thoroughly safeguarded, according to Claude L. Seay, president of the commission. Public opinion has brought indirect pressure on the commission, demanding more strict accounting of corporation activities. The people feel that all mis-

cellaneous contributions entering into the financial status of a corporation constitute a source of revenue to these concerns about which the taxpayers has a right to be fully informed, said Mr. Seay. In speaking of the ruling Mr. Seay said:

"There is an undercurrent of feeling that hidden sources of revenue have aided the operative policies of these corporations in this State. It is known that public utilities corporations have on their payroll friends of lawyers, retainers and others agents paid out of funds donated by private individuals who, it has been charged, were actually by no means charitable organizations. To what extent public suspicion of these private donations is justified, the public audit is expected to show.

In regard to the deposit of bank funds by the public utilities companies, while the companies have no direct control over the precision with which may be exercised on by these companies, there is a definite relationship between manipulation of these funds and the ultimate cost of service to the consumer. If information discloses that direct and indirect rates are not levied by the companies for the use of cash on hand, the commission can reflect this omission in its general allowances of operating costs upon which legal returns of these companies are based.

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RHONE-TO-RHINE CANAL LIKELY SOON TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Route via Switzerland Will Be of Immense Value to That Country, From Viewpoints of Both Commerce and Labor

GENEVA, Feb. 2 (Special Correspondence)—The project for linking up the waters of the Rhone and the Rhine by a route through Switzerland which has long been under consideration appears at last to be likely to be put into execution. The French undertaking known as the Société de Construction de Chemins de Fer et de Travaux Publics has expressed its willingness to give financial and material support and a draft contract has already been signed under which the company undertakes to place a loan of 400,000,000 Swiss francs (nearly \$80,000,000) for the construction of this waterway. The company, it is now reported, obtained the assurance of this amount of capital with the support of a consortium of financiers headed by General Gerard, formerly in command of the French third army, and is now taking steps to obtain the guarantee of the Swiss Confederation and the cantons.

The company concerned undertakes that all its sub-contracts shall be given to Swiss firms, and that it will employ only Swiss workmen and materials. It may be regarded as certain that the necessary support will be obtained in Switzerland, as the moment is highly propitious for a definite move to be taken. Moreover, Switzerland has a very acute unemployment problem which the putting in hand of this work would ameliorate.

Canal Desirable for France

From the French point of view the canal has become desirable by reason of the work, now well advanced toward completion, of connecting the Rhone with Marseilles. This remarkable undertaking, the Canal de la Crau, spans the 40 kilometers between the river and this great Mediterranean port, and the wonderful subterranean canal of the Rove, eight kilometers long and four times as wide as the St. Gotthard tunnel, has already been cut. The Lake of Geneva could be made a magnificent reservoir for maintaining the water at a definite level throughout the year, not only enabling the river below Geneva to be made navigable but increasing its potentialities as regards hydraulic force.

An important aspect of the Rhone-to-Rhine project is political. Prior to the war Germany had already realized the importance of water transport, and her imperialist aspirations looked toward a connecting up of the Rhine and the Danube which would bring the southeastern countries of Europe into close touch with the German system, giving a navigable route direct from the East via the Black Sea to the North Sea. Into this system Switzerland would naturally be drawn.

Switzerland Favours Northern Ports

Thus the northern ports have gradually become more important to Switzerland than the geographically nearer ports of Marseilles and Genoa. The industrial district of Switzerland has grown up near the Rhine and the Lake of Constance, but, even so, Zurich is practically equidistant from Marseilles and Roitord.

The establishment of a trans-Helvetic waterway is thus politically for France an important restoration of commercial equilibrium, cutting, as it does, across the Rhine-Danube route, and for Switzerland an important item in her neutrality as regards her relations with neighboring states.

From a technical point of view the projected waterway follows a more or less natural course from Coblenz on the German-Swiss frontier to Chancy on the Franco-Swiss frontier. It borrows the Aar River from the Rhine through Aarau, Olten and Soleure, beyond which town it connects with the lakes of Biel and Neuchâtel. From Yverdon, at the southern extremity of the latter lake,

himself for his present office by the study of native customs in East Africa, and by acquiring an advanced knowledge of the Twi language.

Perhaps the main outcome of his work in Africa are due to inefficient interpreters. The crisis in 1921 with the Ashantis, was caused by a lack of knowledge of their laws and customs. The Government was greatly helped by the information collected by Captain Rattray. His knowledge of the Twi language enables him to communicate directly with native experts and to gain their confidence. An anthropological department will prepare much that would be otherwise destroyed or lost.

AUSTRALIA WANTS NEW OBSERVATORY

Clearness of Atmosphere Gives Best Conditions of Visibility

ADELAIDE, Jan. 6 (Special Correspondence)—The astronomers who visited Australia for the purpose of observing the eclipse were delighted with the wonderful clearness of the skies of the interior. Their enthusiasm has led to a movement for the establishment of an observatory on the commanding ground of the Alice Springs country, right away toward the center of the continent. The phenomenon of the solar eclipse was presented in a faultless and graphic setting, owing to the crystal clearness of the skies. Australian observers themselves felt almost as an indignity the necessity of borrowing the principal instruments from the Lick Observatory, although these were lent with fine courtesy.

In the Australian observatories the urgent need for being up to date is now realized. Australians envy the splendid benefactions which have been made by wealthy American citizens, whose princely gifts to science have enabled the world to share in the vital discoveries of the skies. The feeling is now growing that Australia should take her proper part in the task of investigation, and be so equipped as to be able to co-operate with the American scientists. One way of doing so will be to establish an observatory in central Australia, where, it is claimed, the conditions of visibility are superior to those of any other part of the world. This would permit our scientists to indulge in advanced investigation.

The Government astronomer, Mr. F. D. Dodwell, B.A., who has made two journeys into the interior, recalls that on one expedition, for latitude and longitude work, he used a field almanac. With the binoculars he was able to see a mountain 64 miles away. Mr. E. Kidson, who was in charge of the Washington Carnegie Department Magnetic Survey in Australia, commented most favorably on the visibility north of Oodnadatta. From one point he could see through the theodolite telescope a smoke column of a train 45 miles distant. As the Federal Government is responsible for a railway to Alice Springs, there is a probability that admirable facilities will be available for equipping the station. Altogether, Australia appears to be on the eve of great things.

BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICE STUDIES THE BACKWARD RACES

Special from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Colonial Office is responsible for an innovation in connection with the British West African group of colonies, a bold and wise step, which will probably be extended to all British protectorates over backward races. This is the formation of an anthropological department to study native languages, customs, and institutions.

Capt. R. S. Rattray, of the Gold Coast political service, has been appointed anthropologist, and is forming the department. He has qualified

The educational features are unique. It is aimed at the Itinerant real-estate broker, who is said to be playing a profitable but dishonest trade in the promotion of California settlement schemes. Amendments would require the real estate commissioner to ascertain the character of applicants, to establish their honesty, truthfulness, and good reputation.

Californians, Inc., have received 45,000 inquiries about California in the past three months from interested parties and since the first of February the average has been 1000 per day. The new law is expected to protect these new comers, thereby keeping faith with advertising promises of "opportunity and a square deal."

DENMARK BLAMES POOR NAVIGATION

Special from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A decision of considerable importance to insurance underwriters was given recently by the Danish Marine and Commercial Court. In pronouncing judgment in a case arising out of collision in the English Channel during the last year of the war between the Danish steamer Lolly Jensen and the British steamer Hookroad, as a result of which the Hookroad, the court refused to accept the view that because both vessels had been steaming with lights out in war time the loss was necessarily to be regarded as a war loss and that therefore the war insurers (the British Government) were liable to pay compensation to the owners of the sunken vessel.

The court was of opinion that as the collision took place on a bright night when both vessels were in full view of one another, the sinking of the Hookroad was the result not of war conditions, but of faulty navigation, and that therefore the hull underwriters must be held responsible for the payment of damages.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The announcement of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that there would be another hu-

Mrs. H. Clay Preston, director of the Department of Humane Education of S. P. C. A. "Drawing teachers invariably show great interest which often results in heated but friendly races between schools as well as between pupils."

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The New York Woman's League for Animals co-operates in the contest.

CALIFORNIA TO COLONIZE 2,000,000 UNOCCUPIED ACRES

State Will Apply Group Settlement Method Under Direction of University

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 14 (Special Correspondence)—A new California state land policy of colonization, facilitating settlement of farm lands, is to be formulated, as the result of a land settlement conference just held by the University of California at Berkeley. The College of Agriculture, the research authority in the State, has been designated as the public agency to assume leadership in this work.

The report of Dr. Elwood Mead, professor of rural institutions and director of the state land settlement work, laid the foundation for the work of the conference which reviewed every important phase of the California unoccupied land problem. Dr. Mead presented the results of investigations conducted by field engineers who worked in 18 typical California districts where farm development has not kept pace with irrigation projects and equipment of farms by state agencies, problems of drainage with one day devoted to consideration of soldier settlement were discussed fully during the five-day session.

The College of Agriculture will be commissioned to make a soil and topographical survey in classifying unoccupied lands to determine crop adaptability, land values and grade levels; to fix land prices, payments, and sizes of farms and to work out financing plans whereby the farmer will be assisted when necessary by farm loans protected by state guarantees and redeemable on a slow maturing basis.

If irrigation works alone would create irrigated agriculture, there would not be an idle acre under these projects. Lack of farm financing to make the necessary improvements restricts settlement to people who can finance themselves. As a result less than one-third of the land available was settled in 1912 and only one-third in 1922. Out of 100 Carey Act projects, only four brought any profit to their financial backers. In nine out of 10 the loss was due to delay in closer settlement. It will be the purpose of the department of agriculture to eliminate this maladjustment.

GERMANY EMPLOYS BELGIAN SHIPPING

BRUSSELS, Feb. 2 (Special Correspondence)—German shipowners are refraining more and more since the Ruhr occupation from sending their steamers into Belgian ports, in spite of the promise from the Belgian Government that no vessels would be seized.

Several ships which were due at Antwerp and Ghent were stopped on their way by the owners. Others had special safe-conduct granted to them before they reached Belgian ports. The Germans are seeking to charter foreign tonnage, preferably Swedish or Belgian, in order to keep their carrying trade and not to risk the seizure of their vessels.

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THE PAGE OF THE SEVEN ARTS

Opera, Orchestra, and Recital—
a Week of Music in New York

By WINTHROP P. TRYON

New York, Feb. 24
SCHUMANN'S symphony in D minor, No. 4, is a work which I believe I have never heard played quite to my satisfaction. People who profess to know a good deal about orchestras tell me I need never expect to hear it well played, for the reason that the instrumentation is so poor. No matter how that may be, the music itself has more charm for me than many symphonic pieces that are scored with perfect skill. A presentation which I heard the City Symphony Orchestra, Dirk Foch, conductor, give in Carnegie Hall on the evening of Feb. 19, was no better than I have heard other organizations give, and no worse. It seems strange to me that Schumann should be more expressive in the third movement of the D minor symphony, or the romanza, which is a sort of orchestral song, than he is in some of his vocal songs, the workmanship of which cannot be questioned.

Beethoven's Violin Concerto

Beethoven's violin concerto in D major, the solo number, brought Bronislaw Huberman, the violinist, to the notice of the New York public again. To me the interpretation of the concerto set forth by him and Mr. Foch was of the very finest quality. Mr. Huberman played his part with a certain reticence, yet with remarkable warmth. He kept the form of the composition both in detail and in general outline clearly before his listeners and he carried along the general mood of the composition and the special mood of each movement and of each melodic member of a movement in the most tactful combination and balance imaginable.

On the afternoon of Feb. 20, I went to Aeolian Hall, where Alfredo Casella gave a piano recital. The pieces he played in the time I stayed were two small numbers by Scarlatti, the sonata in A major by Mozart, the prelude, chorale and fugue by Franck, the "Cypress Grove" by Castelnovo-Tedesco and "Piano Rag Music" by Stravinsky. Mr. Casella's particular line, I should say, is composing. His piano-playing strikes me as very skillful and altogether interesting, and yet I would not describe it as that of a virtuoso.

"Tannhäuser"

On the evening of Feb. 21 I heard the Wagnerian Opera Festival singers in the first act of "Tannhäuser" at the Manhattan Opera House. I care little what I hear them in, so long as it is Wagner, and so long as Leo Blech conducts. The "Tannhäuser" cast included Mr. Lussmann in the title rôle and Mme. Hoellischer in the rôle of Venus; and I shall not attempt to say how these artists sang, nor how other principals or how the chorus of men sang. I rather deem that the chorus outshines the soloists, but I did not pay particular attention. I listened to the instrumental and vocal ensemble as one thing, guided by the remarkable hand of the company's chief conductor. To be a scholar in Mr. Blech's school for listening is a great privilege. It is to learn what Wagner ought to be and to obtain a standard wherewith a Wagnerian interpretation may be judged. There has been no such opportunity in New York for a number of months.

On the afternoon of Feb. 22, I heard the orchestra of the Wagnerian Opera Festival play the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the sustained E flat that introduces hearers to Wagner's tetralogy of "The Ring." Edouard Moerike was the conductor and he captivated me completely. Temporaneously he is somewhat different from Mr. Blech, being more poignant in his expression and slightly more alert in his rhythm. "Rheingold," the opening piece in the "Ring" cycle, has seemed to me before now a little drab, musically and dull dramatically; but not so under Mr. Moerike's direction. The rich voices of Friedrich Schorr and Ottile Metzger were heard in the rôle of Wotan and Erda, respectively. The talent of Desider Zador for the grotesque was manifested in the rôle of Alberich.

"Warlike"

At the fall of the curtain on Act I of "Rheingold" I left the Manhattan Opera House and went to Carnegie Hall, where I heard Reinhard Wernermann with Harry Spier as his accompanist, singing Schubert's "Aufenthalt," "Wolf's "Zur Rub" and Schumann's "Widmung" and "The Two Grenadiers." Few more golden-toned voices are to be heard than Mr. Wernermann's, and on this occasion his tone was beautiful and expressive to a degree. In war time Mr. Wernermann was wont to regret that the German master-songs had to be banished from recital programs. He used to speak, if I recall aright, of the difficulty singers had in making up their minds to sing Schubert, Schumann and Brahms left out. He has got past that difficulty now; but for my part, I must record myself as approving the idea of an English text for his German songs. There are certain German songs, the original texts of which I long ago learned by heart; and I do not deny that I enjoy hearing them sung in

German by an American, even when I somewhat doubt the authenticity of his pronunciation. At the same time, I enjoy better hearing them sung, as Mr. Wernermann sang "The Two Grenadiers," to words which everybody in the house understands.

After listening to Mr. Wernermann's group of German songs, I returned to the Manhattan Opera House for the third act of "Rheingold," which I liked in point of stage management, dragon, rainbow and all, no less than in respect to musical direction.

"Walkire"

On the afternoon of Feb. 22, I attended the performance of "Walkire," by the Wagnerians, in which Jacques Urlin was the Siegmund, Friedrich Plassche the Wotan, Eva von der Osten the Sieglinde, Ernest Lehmann the Brünnhilde, and Jessie Kostrick the Fricka. The performance was conducted by Mr. Blech; and for quietness, intimacy, delicacy, precision, and continuity, it resembled something given by a chamber music organization.

Who said that the "Ring" dramas are loud and vast? Old-fashioned notions. Describe Beethoven's last quartet that way, if you will, but not Wagner's "Rheingold" and "Walkire" any more.

On the evening of Feb. 23, I heard the greater part of the "Fiederling" of John Strauss, when the festive men and women met aside grand opera for a few hours in favor of operetta. Except for the uncommon pleasure of hearing light opera given by first-class singers, I will not pretend to have got much from the occasion myself. Adele's laughing song in the second act was exquisitely done by Editha Flescher and Rosalind's song spiritedly done by Marcella Roeseler. Conducting by Otto Schwarz was sufficient for me in hand.

The Wagnerians must needs practice conservation and not expend all their talent on one show. When the conducting is strong, they can take a little from the singing; and when the singing is of their best, they can stand a let-down in the conducting. Tonight I heard them in the conducting and second act of "The Flying Dutchman," with Eugen Gottlieb leading the orchestra and with Meta Selinemeyer taking the rôle of Senta and Mr. Schoor that of the Dutchman. Mr. Gottlieb was the first one of the conductors whom I have known to permit the accompaniment to sound too loud, but he directed with good rhythm and at what seemed the proper pace. Meta Selinemeyer sang the ballad in act two with that dreaminess which the melody demands and that waywardness which the text requires. Mr. Schorr's study of the Dutchman, having mystery and wildness in act one and humanity and tenderness in act two, was a portrait of strong light and shades. His singing in the out-of-doors scene disclosed amplitude of tone and forcefulness of declamation, while the indoor scene richness of color and grace of style. Not the least effective part of the performance was the chorus of spinning maidens in the opening of act two.

From the Manhattan Opera House I went to the Metropolitan Opera House tonight for the last act of "Madam Butterfly," in which a new soprano, Thalia Sabanleva, appeared. From such evidence as I could obtain from my brief stay among the claqueurs, I should judge that Mme. Sabanleva is a well-schooled actress and a gifted singer.

Schelling's 'A Victory Ball'
Played in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 23 (Special Correspondence)—The feature of the week-end concerts of the Philadelphia Orchestra was the first performance of Ernest Schelling's "A Victory Ball," with the composer present to note with great satisfaction the admirable interpretation Leopold Stokowski and his men gave the vivid, spirited and significant composition. It is based on Alfred Noyes' poem which has the same title as this musical "fantasy," to use Mr. Schelling's own term for the composition. He began it just a year ago in New York and finished it last summer in Switzerland. The score has not yet been printed. The composer explained that he returned from Europe much troubled over the apparent general thoughtlessness, despite the lessons supposedly taught in war's grim school of service and sacrifice. In this mood he came on the verses of Noyes, and his music parallels the description the poet gives. We have dancers in the polonaise, the fox-rot, the tango, flinging aside all recollection of heroic deeds. But suddenly and thrillingly upon their

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Los Angeles Has an
Architectural Exhibit

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17 (Special Correspondence)—The designs, sketches and photographs shown in the exhibition of architecture and allied arts, given at the Los Angeles Museum, by the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Los Angeles Architectural Club recently, gave some idea of the serious efforts of the members of this profession to encourage an appreciation of artistic buildings and to create

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VERY IRREGULAR PRICE MOVEMENTS IN STOCK MARKET

Liquidation Is Much in Evidence
in Certain Groups After
Early Strength

Opening prices in today's New York stock market were irregular. The main tendency was upward. Good buying power was noted in New York Central, Atchison, New Orleans and Texas & Mexico, Southern Pacific and Great Northern, preferred, all of which moved to higher ground with such industrial favorites as U. S. Steel, common, American Woolen and Studebaker.

Delaware & Hudson, selling ex-dividend 3 1/4 per cent, recovered the dividend on the first sale. Chemical shares were heavy.

Atlantic Coast Line advanced 3 points to 127, a new top, and then dropped 1 1/2. New Orleans, Texas & Mexico extended its gain to 14 points, and Northern Pacific and Union Pacific improved fractionally.

Maxwell Motors A jumped 2 1/4 points and Stromberg, 1. Eastman Kodak gained 1 1/2 points. There were a few conspicuous weak spots, notably Royal Dutch, American Agricultural Chemical preferred and Nash Motors, all of 1 to 1 1/2 points.

Foreign exchanges opened easier, demand sterling selling at \$4.695, off 1/2 cent, and French francs dropping 3 points to 6.05 cents.

Liquidation of oil, chemical, and food shares was counteracted for a time by the support extended to steel and dividend-paying railroads, many of which advanced 1 to 2 points.

Marking up of the call money rate to 5 1/2 per cent, the highest renewal rate this year, and higher rates for time money resulted, however, in a wave of selling orders, and prices generally began to crumble before noon.

Baldwin, American Can, North American, Chandler, Louisville & Nashville, Cuba Can Sugar preferred, Houston Oil, and Royal Dutch yielded readily to selling pressure, the losses ranging from 1 to 3 points.

Prices went lower in the afternoon, even the investment railroads and steels turning heavy. Otis Elevator dropped 5, Associated Oil 3, and Baldwin, Corn Products, General Asphalt, American Ice, Atlantic Coast Line, American Smelting, and Crucible Steel 2 1/2.

Highly irregular movements characterized today's early bond dealings. Central of Georgia 6s, Chicago & Alton 8s and Sinclair Crude Oil 5 1/2% were up 7 to 1 1/2. A number of railroad moratoriums fell back, but the losses were limited to fractions, some of the outstanding heavy issues being New Haven 6s and the 4s of 1957, and Baldwin & Ohio 5s.

Public utility lines were in supply, losses of large fractions to 1 point being registered by Columbia Gas 5s, North American Edison 6s, and Empire Gas 7 1/2s.

U. S. Government first, third and fourth 4 1/2s gained 12, 6 and 2 cents on \$100, the other active other issues either being unchanged or showing losses of 4 to 6 cents.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S DATA ON COTTON PRICES

Report Submitted to Congress Says Supply and Demand Chief Factors

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (By The Associated Press)—The sharp fall in cotton prices which began in April, 1920, and continued for more than a year was due to the general credit deflation, the great increase in high-priced inventories and the subsequent "buyers' strike," the Federal Trade Commission set forth in its report submitted today to Congress.

The price inquiry was made by the commission in accordance with a resolution adopted by Congress last March, and the present preliminary report, it was said, would be followed by another dealing particularly with operations of the cotton exchanges.

The post-war price deflation was described as of worldwide character, affecting all commodities in this country in varying degrees, and cotton, more than any other. The most important and immediate factors in the decline, however, the commission found to be "the marked increase in supply and decrease in demand."

The report went exhaustively into market conditions during the war period and immediately after, which brought cotton prices up to the peak in April, 1920. Supply and demand were found to have been the controlling factors throughout, with the high price level prevailing in 1919-20 attributed "in part to the expectation that there would be a world shortage of cotton."

In the subsequent recovery cotton prices "in money" since August, 1921, have been above the 1913 level, the report set forth, and measured in commodities either slightly below or more recently, considerably above the real exchange value of cotton in that year."

While it thus appears that cotton prices, compared with the general level of prices, are not depressed at the present time, this does not mean, the report said, that cotton prices "are at a level which affords a compensation to the grower which justifies such an extensive use of land and labor in its production."

Turning to a discussion of cotton futures trading under the cotton futures act, the commission found that the law "apparently has brought about a marked improvement in the methods of trading on future exchanges." As to the provision of the seller's option in future contracts, however, permitting delivery of any one or more of 10 grades, with a price adjustment to equalize, the commission expressed the opinion that the "effect of these options on the part of the seller is generally to make the futures price lower than it probably would be if a corresponding buyers' option were used instead."

Reporting that according to the best data available for the last three years future prices have been generally lower than spot prices, the commission stated that the matter of fundamental importance in connection with the exercise of the sellers' option was the relation between the two prices.

The commission reported that the volume of cotton futures trading in the last four crop years ranged from about 104,000,000 bales in 1920-21, about 124,000,000 bales in 1921-22. Roughly stated, the report said, the volume in 1919-20 was nine times the size of the crop, in 1919-20 nearly 11 times, in 1920-21 a little less than eight times, and in 1921-22 over 15 times.

MONEY RATES IN CHICAGO FAIRLY EASY

Reserve Bank Does Not Advance Them With East—Funds Still Plentiful

Special from Monitor Bureau

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, at their monthly meeting Friday, decided not to follow the action of their reserve institutions at Boston and New York in advancing the discount rate.

There has been a good increase in the borrowing demand recently, but the member banks still have a substantial margin of available funds to be absorbed before they find it necessary to pass along part of the burden of loans to the reserve bank.

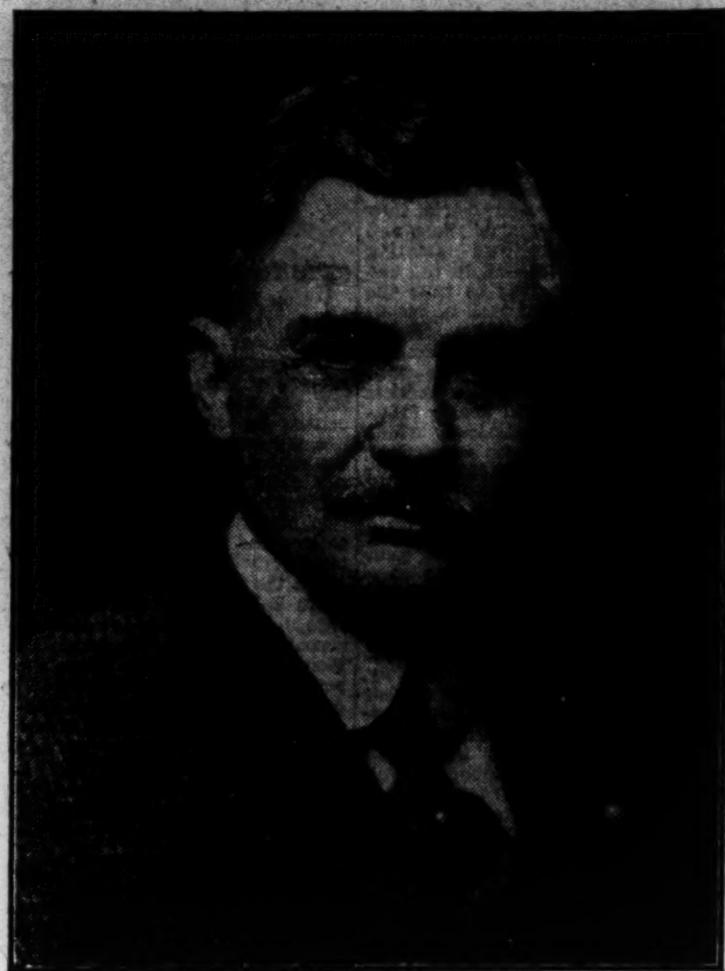
The Chicago reserve bank has maintained its rediscount rate at 4½ per cent since March of last year, so that the advance in the east simply places the institutions in the principal financial centers of the country on an even basis.

Chicago did not follow the east down to the 4 per cent level because liquidation was slower in the agricultural regions, loans were very heavy in the central region when there was a large surplus of idle funds in the seaboard cities, and it was thought by the board of the local reserve bank that 4½ per cent was low enough. Now, however, the west is pretty well liquidated and at present no reason appears for keeping up the differential.

The Chicago Reserve Bank in its latest statement showed an increase of about \$5,000,000 in loans, but for the week previous the total borrowing of member banks was only about \$5,000,000, or the lowest figures since deflation was begun about two years ago.

The stiffening of money rates because of increased business activity has been reflected in the open market, if it has not yet reached the reserve bank.

Commercial paper has been advanced 4½ per cent, and the range is now 4½ to 5 per cent, with bank loans at 5½ per cent. Country banks are taking paper in fair volume, and there is also more interest on the part of the city banks at the higher rates.



Photograph by Gibson, Victoria

James Oscar Cameron

THE expansion of Canada's Pacific Coast lumber industry has formed the background of many successful business careers and none, perhaps, is more striking than that of James O. Cameron who, starting as a lawyer in Tennessee, is now head of two of British Columbia's largest lumber manufacturing concerns, the Cameron Lumber Company and the Genoa Bay Lumber Company.

Mr. Cameron is a native of Sparta, Tenn., and studied law at Cumberland University.

He was admitted to the Tennessee bar in 1890 and, moving to New Mexico in the same year, practiced law in the latter State for 10 years. Then he turned to business. He bought up the electrical, water-works, and telephone franchises of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and proceeded to install a plant to generate electricity by water power to replace the steam power used up to that time. The project was successful. He is still interested in the public utilities company formed to operate this enterprise.

Mr. Cameron moved to Canada in 1904 and became interested in lumbering developments in Victoria, B. C. He invested in the Graham Lumber Company, the entire stock of which he and his brother, D. G. Cameron, soon purchased. Mr. Cameron knew practically nothing of the lumber business, but the success of his new venture, known as the Cameron Lumber Company, was immediate. Mr. Cameron remained, after spending large sums in improving the plant, made it one of Canada's largest lumber exporters.

To meet the scarcity of lumber-carrying ships during the war, Mr. Cameron organized the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilding Company and turned out a number of wooden vessels from yards in Victoria, supplying the necessary lumber and timbers from his Victoria sawmill. The Cameron Lumber Company's sawmill was destroyed by fire in 1916, but Mr. Cameron immediately leased the Puget Sound Lumber Company's plant nearby and by then continued operations until his own plant had been rebuilt early in 1918 with largely increased capacity.

Mr. Cameron organized the Cameron Investment Company to handle his real estate and other investments. His latest venture is the Genoa Logging Company, which produces logs for his two sawmills.

In recognition of his knowledge of the lumber industry and his work for its expansion, Mr. Cameron was recently elected to the executive body of the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association and the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

MONEY MARKET

Current quotations follow:

Call Loans—	Boston	New York
Renewal rate	5%	5½%
Outside commercial paper	5½%	5½%
Customer's comi loans	5½%	5½%
Individual comi loans	5½%	5½%
Bar silver	Today	Today
Bar silver in London	31½d	31d
Bar gold in London	87½d	87d
Canadian ex ds (%)	1½	1½
Domestic bar silver	99½c	99½c

Acceptance Market

Spot, Boston delivery	Prime Eligible Banks
60@90 days	4 @ 4½%
Under 90 days	4 @ 4½
Less Known Banks	4 @ 4½
60@60 days	4½ @ 4½
Under 60 days	4½ @ 4½
Eldest Private Banks	4½ @ 4½
60@60 days	4½ @ 4½
Under 30 days	4½ @ 4½

Leading Central Banking Rates

The 12 federal reserve banks in the United States and banking centers in foreign countries quote the discount rates as follows:	
P.C. Boston	P.C. Chicago
New York	St. Louis
Philadelphia	Kansas City
Richmond	Dallas
Atlanta	San Francisco
Amsterdam	London
Berlin	Montreal
Bombay	Paris
Budapest	Rome
Bucharest	Stockholm
Calcutta	Swiss Bank
Christiania	Tokyo
Colombo	Vienna
Helsingfors	
Lisbon	Warsaw

Clearing House Figures

Boston	New York
Exchanges	\$48,000,000 @ \$47,000,000
Year ago today	34,000,000
Barrels	75,000,000
Exche. for week	15,000,000
F. B. bank credit	29,411,122

Foreign Exchange Rates

Current	Last	Previous	Parity
Sterling	4.6515	3.9715	\$1.3645
Cables	4.8812	4.7015	
Francs . . . . .	.0608	.0605	.183
Gilders . . . . .	.3552	.3662	.402
Irish . . . . .	.0416	.0417	.125
Liye . . . . .	.040815	.040815	.183
Swiss francs . . . . .	.1875	.1877	.183
Portugals . . . . .	.1567	.1567	.183
Belgian francs . . . . .	.023412	.023412	.192
*Kronen (Aust.) . . . . .	.014154	.014154	.2928
Swedes . . . . .	.2655	.2657	.268
Denmark . . . . .	.1912	.1914	.268
Norway . . . . .	.1835	.1838	.268
Greece . . . . .	.0112	.0111	.192
Argentina . . . . .	.840	.840	.9648
Uruguay . . . . .	.840	.840	.9648
Bolivia . . . . .	.000215	.000215	.238
Hungary . . . . .	.00023%	.00023%	.238
Servia . . . . .	.0097	.0098	.2620
Finland . . . . .	.0272	.0272	.1920
Latvia . . . . .	.023412	.023412	.1920
Rumania . . . . .	.0049	.005	.1920
Portugal . . . . .	.045	.045	.192
Shanghai . . . . .	.7215	.724	.1982
China . . . . .	.5524	.5524	.1920
Bombay . . . . .	.31	.319	.1866
Yokohama . . . . .	.484	.4857	.1954
Brasil . . . . .	.1150	.1182	.3244
Peru . . . . .	.51	.51	.1920
Chile . . . . .	.1230	.1230	.1820

ZINC PRICE HIGHER

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—With foreign and domestic buying good, the price of zinc has advanced to a new high level in St. Louis for prompt and March, 7.45 for April, 7.35 to 7.40 for May and 7.30 for June. This is a rise of approximately ½ cent during the last 10 days, and the highest price since October, 1920.

Current quotations of various foreign exchanges are given in the following figures, compared with the last previous figures:

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EDUCATIONAL

Increase of 65 Per Cent in British Secondary School Attendance

London, England
Special Correspondence
THE number of pupils in the secondary schools of England and Wales has increased by between 60 and 70 per cent since the year 1914, and had secondary-school accommodation been more ample, the increase would have been much greater still. This fact betokens a remarkable change in the outlook and instincts of the people, a change which the education authorities, sympathetic though they are, have not been able to keep pace with.

In England and Wales the secondary schools provide, not a continuation of the education given in the elementary schools, but a different type of instruction altogether. The elementary schools give to children up to the age of 14 a curriculum consisting of the three R's and cognate subjects, together with natural sciences, drawing, music, and physical training. The secondary schools take their pupils at the age of 11 and keep them till they are 16 or more, providing an education of a more broad and liberal character. Before the war the great majority of secondary pupils were of a socially higher class than the children in the elementary schools. A small minority only were scholarship holders. Except for these, the children of the working class were almost entirely absent from the secondary schools.

Today things are greatly changed. There must be, by law, at least 25 per cent of "free places" in Government-aided secondary schools, and, in addition to this number of children from poor homes, there are many others whose parents are making extraordinary efforts to maintain them and pay the secondary fees. Though the Act of 1913, with its generous promise of secondary education for all capable children, has not yet come into anything approaching full operation, yet the effects of the intention behind that act are already being felt. The doors of learning are more widely open than ever before.

Workers' Movements and Education
The changed attitude of the workers toward higher education is shown in the course of interviews which a representative of The Christian Science Monitor has recently had with typical members of workers' organizations and with working-class parents. A leading co-operator, proud as all co-operators are of the material success of their great movement, was still more elated at its educational record. "From the first," he said, "the co-operative movement has sought to supply higher needs than those of the grocery and clothing stores. Despite the fact that the local-societies and the central board are composed almost entirely of members of the manual working class, yet definite provision for both adult and juvenile education are made by means of a percentage grant on turnover, or in some other way. A co-operative society which neglects education is regarded within the movement as backward and reactionary."

Questioned as to his attitude toward the state education system, his answer was one of cordial indorsement and approval. "Many societies," he said, "grant scholarships to the children of their members so as to obtain higher education for them, and they also make assistance to parents whose children, for lack of such help, would be unable to avail themselves of scholarships otherwise available."

The same attitude of good will toward education was evinced by a well-known trade union leader. Referring to the resolutions passed at the last trade union congress, representative of 6,000,000 trade unionists, he said that practically no other national body, professional or otherwise, had put forward a more advanced educational program. "Free secondary education for all," he said, "we look upon as a prime necessity for the full life which we demand for all workers. And that the exceptionally able, of whatever social rank, shall have the benefit of all that university life can offer, we regard as fundamental to a complete and orderly civilization."

A Change of View
It is sometimes said, however, that while the leaders of working-class movements are sound on education, such is not the case with the rank and file. There is some truth in this statement, but the cause of the apathy that exists to some extent on this question does not appear to be due to hostility to education itself, but to the unfavorable conditions in which the poorer members of the community live. The blessings of several more years at school, with its elevating and refining and broadening effect, taken in themselves, are fully admitted. As the working mother of five children said, "How are we to do it? Not only would it involve the feeding and clothing of the boys and girls until the age of 16, and perhaps later, but we should lose the wages they could be bringing in when they turn 14." Anyone who has first-hand knowledge of working-class life, knows that such a parent's difficulties in the way of educating her family are almost insuperable, as things are at present. What happens in the poorest, earnest, and persistent families of this kind is that the youngest child is the only one who obtains a secondary school training, and that only by the help given by his older brothers and sisters, who have left school at 14 to enter industrial life.

At the same time it must be recognized that some parents will not avail themselves of real opportunities of extending their children's education, because they do not agree with the type of education provided at most secondary schools. Bookishness and a remoteness from the realities of life characterize many a secondary course; and the cultural benefits of this type of education tend to become obscured by the absence of practicality. Secondary education in Great Britain is, however, taking a great step forward, and the educational views of the average working-class parent has been distinctly

lengthened. He is also recognizing the need for a more individual and creative education. Instead of the abrupt termination at the close of the elementary school course at 14, which was the normal prospect a few years ago, the possibilities of extension to 16 or 18 are now commonly entertained. Education is coming to be regarded, not merely as a compulsory routine, or a mere means of increasing vocational efficiency, but as a thing desirable in itself, to be eagerly sought after, because it adds to the pleasure and sanity of living.

Is Prize Giving Wise? Asks New Zealand

Auckland, New Zealand
Special Correspondence
THE educational system of New Zealand is modeled largely on that of England, and among the features copied is the system of awarding prizes for first and second places in classes, and for supremacy in special subjects.

In secondary schools especially the presentation of prizes is an event of the year. It takes place at the end of the school year, and is popularly known as the "breaking-up" ceremony. This year the headmaster of a primary school in the Hawke's Bay district told his committee that he did not hold with the system at all. Prizes admitted of a fine breaking-up, and that was all. At about the same time that this statement appeared, the director of the Technical College, in the capital, Wellington, announced a policy of no prizes. So far as he was aware, he said, this breaking-up ceremony of his college was the first in New Zealand, except during wartime, at which no prizes had been distributed. Prizes had been abolished altogether, in his school, and that by the wish of the pupils themselves. "I feel sure," continued the director, "the work of the school will be done no less efficiently because it is done for a worthless end than that of winning a prize. And prizes are abolished not merely for class work, but for athletic and swimming sports as well, so that we are coming back to the ideals of the old Greeks, probably the finest athletes the world has known, who rewarded the victors in their contests with a crown of laurels. After all, it is not the result that matters most; if we play the game, and do our best at the job in hand, we need not concern ourselves overmuch about the result."

Naturally enough these views have given rise to some comment. There is nothing to indicate that they represent the opinion of anything like a majority of teachers. The most valuable reply has come from the chairman of the Auckland Grammar School Board, a body that controls two boys' secondary schools—one of them the largest in New Zealand—and two girls' schools. The chairman is Prof. A. P. W. Thomas, who was for many years on the staff of the Auckland University College and has always taken a keen interest in education. Professor Thomas says that in his opinion and that of the board of the principals of the board's schools, the prize system should not be abandoned. It is considered that prizes serve as a stimulus to the attainment of greater efficiency. Against the argument that the better endowed child is patted on the back in public, is set the consideration that the brilliant student is often out-classed by the less clever but more steady and more persevering pupil. It is not contended that the system has nothing to be said against it, but that it is preferred to a system of no prizes.

To Help School Boards to Think in Terms of State

It may be too much to expect that absolute unanimity of opinion will ever be achieved in matters pertaining to educational policy, but some good is sure to come from the series of conferences which the Massachusetts Board of Education has arranged to the end that school boards of the various cities and towns may have an opportunity to meet the school boards of neighboring municipalities.

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These gatherings are not called for the purpose of considering teaching methods or kindred subjects of local concern but rather to provide opportunity for a discussion of affairs affecting the educational welfare of the whole State. In particular, attention will be given to proposed school legislation.

In the past, in Massachusetts as in many another state, the educational advance has been sometimes delayed by the failure of school officials to reach an agreement as to the need for certain laws. At legislative hearings some educators have favored and some opposed the projected measures with the result that the committee has

Backing the Student of Central Europe

IT IS among the intellectual classes—professors whose incomes are fixed and students whose resources even in times of peace, were limited—that the present European chaos is working the greatest hardship. Industrialists, knowing how closely their business interests are linked with those of the laboring classes, have seen to it that with the falling currency values wages automatically rose. There have been no special interests, however, to look after the welfare of the teachers and students

a day, they can get the minimum food required to carry on with their studies, they direct great employment agencies which supply work for thousands of their own number and, in deserted army barracks and ramshackle buildings of many sorts, they are running their own shoe shops and tailor shops, their own printing presses and laundries—all to the end that they fit themselves to take the leadership in the great task of reconstruction which awaits them in the countries from which they come.

Last year the students of 40 nations united to send support to the students of Europe. They raised nearly \$700,000, from among themselves, which went to the support—in a practical, constructive way—of 70,000 students in 11 European nations. This year the situation is being relieved by a similar campaign, in which the universities of North America are uniting.

The plan of the European Student Relief Fund is to consider, as a first claim upon all funds, the students of Russia,

Chicago, Ill.
Special Correspondence
THE value of the "newer" education is being increasingly proved in the demonstration school of the National Kindergarten and Elementary College, one of the foremost centers of this education. It is meeting the new problems of education caused by the modern conditions of life, for example, the fact that, unless the school provides similar influences, the child no longer encounters the mitigating influences on family education of the woodpile, gardens, looms, dairies and forests. Today the school must embody these activities.

"In the first place," said Miss Edna Dean Baker, the president of the college, in defining this education to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, "the child is given movable seats, play spaces in the schoolrooms as well as the gymnasium and playgrounds, an abundance of objects and materials, and plenty of childlike activities to gratify the need he has to see, hear, taste, and handle everything with which he comes in contact. Such provision encourages right muscular activity.

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ART NEWS AND COMMENT

On Dreams That Make for Art and Art for Dreams

New York, Feb. 24. CURIOSITY may be excused when one reads in a morning paper by 'Emile Brachard, the mystic piano mover.' The cryptic phrase demanded a solution as aggravatingly as a wire puzzle. So I took myself in wonder to the Bourgeois Galleries, only to find that the description had been some sort of a curious joke on the part of the newspaper writer. Mr. Brachard, I was told, had nothing to do with pianos; his paintings, as I looked at them, seemed neither mystic nor moving, so I came away feeling rather chagrined at having been actuated by any such motive as the desire for sheer novelty.

For an excessive love of the novel and of the spectacular is an aspect of gallery visiting in New York which the true lover of art cannot but deplore. No doubt it is true of other metropolitan centers, where a surfeit of shows brings a certain boredom, but it is not reassuring to see a designer of exotic stage costumes, for example, crowd a Fifth Avenue gallery to the door, while in the very next room may hang great old masterpieces practically deserted. And then, on that morning, I had found myself as much astray. Truly great cities have their pitfalls.

But I had the consolation of salvaging something, at least, from my visit. For, returning in the bus, I discovered in the catalogue of the exhibition this quotation from Dostoevsky: "What difference do we wish to see between dream and reality if we read the truth more clearly in our dreams." And thereupon my gallery acquaintance heaved a sigh of relief and thanked me. Then he turned to a wall where by chance hung a little Corot landscape of open fields and fair skies and a red and white village shining clear in the sunshine. "But that's no experiment," he exclaimed. "That's a picture." "Yes," I agreed soberly, "That's a picture." Then he shook my hand and thanked me. "Do you know," he said earnestly and a bit wistfully, "I'd give all the money I had if I could paint a picture like that."

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Now, I do not doubt in the least that my middle western friend meant what he said when he offered to exchange his fortune for the ability to paint. Yet I would not be surprised if, deep in his thought, it was not the manipulation of brush and pigment that attracted him, but rather the power to delineate some dream of beauty or peace which he had never found expression in all the successes of his business career—some dream which meant far more to him than the well-made motor cars or tinware that had brought him his affluence.

Since that day I've had a new test to help me find my way amidst all these strange and wonderful canvases that come and go in the galleries in these days of hectic art. Is it an experiment, I ask myself, or a dream? I regret to say that usually it is an experiment. It is a trial of some new method, or the recording of some pleasing view, a personal step forward in the craft of applying paint. And then, rarely, one comes upon a canvas into which has crept, not merely the skill of the hand and the sureness of the eye, but the wistful dream of the heart. It may flow gently through a landscape as a phrase of music flows through a quiet room. It may clothe a painted figure in a sympathy and understanding which reveal something of the artist's own yearnings and aspirations. But it is unmistakable. It signals Art.

G. S. L.

An Object Lesson in Decorative Art

AMERICANS may boast of many things, but hardly of the present state of decorative or industrial art in America. Those who are eagerly asking where the trouble lies will find at least a clue just now at the Brooklyn Museum, where the costumes, textiles and ceramics collected by the museum's representative in southern Europe last year are on exhibition. They make a more sober display than the Russian paintings and sculptures, also on exhibition, for they have no splendor of exotic sensationalism to compel and hold attention, and therefore they run the chance of being overlooked. But they are well worth careful study, not only because of the pleasure their beauty gives, but as examples of the decorative art that springs directly and appropriately from the needs of the people.

In the American small town, or village, the costumes of the natives are scarcely a delight to the eye. The houses supplied with the correct assortment of standardized furniture and standardized pictures would not prove a lure to the art lover, though, before the fine Colonial traditions had been hung aside, they contained many a treasure carefully stored today in museums. But the costumes, just as they are shown at Brooklyn, especially those from southeast Europe—Hungary, Transylvania, Rumania—have not yet been exchanged by the people for ready-made downs and store ready-mades. Just such chests and chairs and racks are still in their houses, just such jugs and plates still hang on their walls and adorn their tables. The museum specimens, it is true, are many of them old and time has toned the colors on the embroidered cloaks and skirts, on the painted chests and racks, into more subdued and delicate harmonies. Like the fresco in an ancient church or the vellum-bound book from an old library, they have acquired a new beauty with the years. Save for this difference, however, and perhaps the inevitable encroachment of the machine, the people's dress is as it was, the things in domestic use are the same, though one wonders how long the preservation of beauty and the respect for tradition will survive the breaking up into new states of this era of self-determination.

The fortunate wanderer in the countries represented in the Brooklyn show must ever remember the thrill of his first impressions of peasant life and the peasant's instinctive or inherited sense of beauty, especially if he wandered by road, which is the only way to get to know a country intimately. The fields with their white-clad men and women at work; the markets with their crowds gathered in bewildering masses of color; the men in their great, white, embroidered cloaks like high priests at some strange unfamiliar rites; the youths and girls, as fantastic as the dancers in a Russian ballet, doing their national dances under the trees of the village green on Sunday after-

simply a detail of the few essentials of his life. Nor has it been borrowed from foreign sources. He has evolved it for himself in accord with the conditions of the country he lives and works in, not adapted it from the decorative art of countries as apart as the poles from his. It has the beauty of appropriateness. For a northern people to imitate the customs of the south would be as foolish as for southern people to borrow the customs of the north. The danger is that, with the greater cheapness of standardized patterns and the machine-made, beauty will altogether disappear from even countries like Hungary and Rumania where, through the centuries, beauty has been cherished as indispensable to the daily life of their people. E.

A Windfall for the Rijksmuseum

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 2 (Special Correspondence)—The Rijksmuseum has been enriched by a number of important pictures. The Rembrandt Society has presented it with two portraits by Goya and Tintoretto, a large Bordegon (still life) from the Seville School, and a work by Tiepolo. Simultaneously the president of the society, Mr. M. P. Vodé, has presented to the museum three remarkable works by Barend Fabricius whom many believe to have been the master of Vermeer of Delft.

Of these acquisitions the Goya, the Tintoretto and the still life are the

most important. The first, a portrait of the Spanish Alcalde, D. Ramon Satue, dates from 1823. The head, painted in the impressionistic style, is wonderfully pure in tone and marks Goya as the precursor of Manet. The figure shows a man solidly built, evidently a man of authority, though free and easy in his manner.

The portrait by Tintoretto representing the Venetian Senator Vincenzo Zeno, has a finely modeled head and strong impasto. The Tiepolo represents Telemachus with Athena as a mentor behind him. Though it is not free from the mannerism occasionally met with in the work of this master, the figures as well as the landscape in the background are cleverly painted.

The three works by Fabricius seem

A Century of Lithography

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A N EXHIBITION of 100 years of Artistic Lithography is on view

in the print rooms of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, to run through the early spring months. Important examples of this art from its beginnings until the end of the nineteenth century, with special reference to the work of Daumier, have been arranged chronologically by William M. Ivins, curator of prints; the prints are mostly from the museum's collection, but have been supplemented by a number of important items from private sources.

Thus one sees the earliest artistic lithograph, dated 1803, together with a group of so-called primitives. There are interesting examples of such men as Goya, Dupré, Diaz, Delacroix, Géricault, Ingres, Isabey, and Gavarni and, among the moderns, of Whistler, Gauguin, Fantin Latour, Cézanne, Toulouse-Lautrec, Pissarro, Redon, Corot, Carrière, Weber, Millet, Manet, Corot, de Chavanne, Shannon, and Rothenstein. The reason that there is such a preponderance of French artists in the exhibition is that the artistic side of this branch of the graphic arts was cultivated for its own sake almost exclusively in France.

One gallery is entirely devoted to prints by Honoré Daumier (1808-1870), that master of flowing line and biting satire. He stands as a supreme example of artist and craftsman in one, working unhindered as he turns the searching light of truth on first one group of society and then on another. Several series of his pungent observations are here in their lithographic state; "Les Etrangers à Paris," "Crocquis d'été," "Les Comediens de la Société," etc., convey extraordinarily clear impressions of French political and social life of his time. It would be impossible to praise these drawings too highly, from the dual point of view of satire and art. As works of art, notable for draftsmanship and dramatic composition, they command the most consideration, they have exerted the greatest influence; Manet, Degas and a host of later artists have found there a master who could teach and liberate, who could inspire and yet not dominate.

At the Duddingh Galleries

Five artists who are conspicuous for unusual effects of color or design are gathered at the Duddingh Galleries in a most cheerful and interesting exhibition. John Costigan is a young painter who achieves by means of a peculiarly loaded technique an impasto that gives an impression of complex detail and at the same time a broad simplicity of light and atmosphere. Nowhere, except in the Sergeant painting of "The Hermit" at the Metropolitan Museum, has the flicker of light through trees been rendered with such a delicate sense of filtration and sparkle as in Mr. Costigan's woodland scenes. There is invariably the added interest of sheep and cattle in his landscapes; sometimes they are

scarcely visible in the mottled light and shade that falls over them, but they serve as focal points in the compositions.

Charles Roffet is again seen as the lyric landscapist who transfigures the Connecticut valleys and hills with an Arcadian glow. That he sees more than meets the mortal eye plane along these New England highways and streams is due to a life-long study of component parts and the long practice of arranging them in decorative sequence. He can now make nature serve his needs, having served her, so to speak. Putnam Brinley is the up-to-date minstrel of this group, who has evolved a way of telling tales in much the way Chaucer did; he employs a decorative formula suggestive of the flower-strewn tapestries of the Middle Ages, but the story he tells as a rule is but faintly disguised news of the day. Here is excellent material for true decoration; greater refinement of form should occupy this painter with increasing absorption that he may carry these designs to more synthetic conclusions. Murray Bewley's delicate portraits are being seen more and more frequently in the galleries with increasing credit to himself. A young painter, keenly sensitive to the charm of childhood, he creates little harmonies of fresh, tender color which are wholly delightful. Emma F. Gerasca is a decorative sense which has blossomed forth in one of her canvases with fine effect, notably an arrangement of pink and freckled lilies seen against a brocaded background.

Carnegie Art Exhibit

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22 (Special Correspondence)—More modern European painters will be represented in the twenty-second international art exhibition at the Carnegie Institute than have been seen in any exhibition in the United States in years, according to Edward D. Balken, acting director of the department of fine arts at the institute. "We expect to have 267 pictures in the 1923 exhibition, 125 from the United States, 40 from England, 16 from Italy, 14 from Sweden, 9 from Spain, 9 from Belgium, 8 from Holland, and 8 from Norway and Denmark," he said.

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Editorials

PRESIDENT HARDING's appeal to the Senate to make possible the full participation of the United States in the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, marks the second step of the Administration toward a fuller acceptance of international responsibilities. The first step was the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament. More than a year was permitted to elapse before this second movement was made, and the almost universal applause which had attended the first had died away in the growing chorus of disapproval of continued delay in grappling with world problems. The demonstration of the President's caution was so complete that the Nation was beginning to wonder whether he was capable of demonstrating progress as well. Even now the request that the Senate authorize adhesion to the protocol is made at a moment which, unless a special session of Congress is called, precludes action for nearly a year.

In asking that the American Republic ally itself with the civilized nations which are seeking international justice through the orderly processes of a world court, the President set forth certain qualities of the United States in language which may well be quoted and emphasized. The United States, he says, "is a Nation long committed to the peaceful settlement of international controversies." The present Hague court he holds to exist largely because of American initiative, and he points out that "our Nation had a conspicuous place in the advocacy of such an agency of peace and international adjustment, and our deliberate public opinion of today is overwhelmingly in favor of our full participation, and the attending obligations of maintenance and the furtherance of its prestige." Participation in the World Court, the President holds, will aid "in making effective all the fine things which have been said by us in favor of such an agency of advanced civilization." And, finally, it will "remind the world anew that we are ready for our proper part in furthering peace and adding to stability in world affairs."

The Christian Science Monitor desires to express unqualified commendation and applause of this message of the President to the Senate. He has spoken so wisely that the prolonged delay in speaking at all may well be condoned. This will be the general verdict of the American people, who heartily approved of the first essay in internationalism of this Administration, and have been waiting impatiently for this second one.

And now what about the third?

The President lays proper stress upon the long-continued preachers of the United States in support of peaceful settlement of international controversies. He holds that that Nation has been conspicuous in its advocacy of this progressive reform, and he calls attention to the "fine things" said on the subject by his fellow-countrymen in its support. He surely cannot believe that the international court, limited as it is in jurisdiction, and estopped from consideration of most of the political problems which foment wars, marks the limit to which Americans are willing to go "in furthering peace and adding to stability in world affairs."

In urging the adhesion of the United States to the protocol creating the World Court, the President suggests five points at which that protocol must be amended to make American participation possible. Presumably the other nations involved have been sounded as to their willingness to accept these changes. It is well known that the dominant powers in the League of Nations are equally ready to amend the covenant under which they operate to meet American objections. The League today is, as the President says of the World Court, "an established institution of high character." Every argument by which participation in the World Court may be supported applies with equal force to seeking membership in the League, with certain reservations as to the form of the covenant.

Politicians will doubtless see in the President's appeal to a moribund Congress an effort to test the sentiment of the country on a more generous participation in the work of international reconstruction. In the United States, one election is barely ended before the strategy of the next is opened. The Congress which goes out of existence next Saturday night has furnished no record upon which the majority party can appeal to the electorate with any confidence. The one measure for which the Administration earnestly pleaded, the ship subsidy bill, faces certain defeat. In the eighteen months to elapse before the conventions again assemble to nominate presidential candidates it will be necessary for the party in power, and charged with responsibility for the Government, to propose some formative policy which may stimulate a public enthusiasm left cold thus far by any record of achievement. That policy may well be one of increased activity in foreign affairs, for to any practiced observer the evidences of the growth of public sentiment on that subject is apparent. The "overwhelming public opinion" in support of the World Court which the President now discerns will, when he comes to study it further, be found to be almost as strongly enlisted on the side of the League of Nations.

It is in no spirit of cynicism that the Monitor points out that the exigencies of party politics may have had something to do with the moment chosen for expressing this presidential appeal. The fact that the appeal has been made is wholly fortunate. The further fact that the presidential group thought it good politics is important as indicative of their conviction that public opinion is changing toward approval of American entrance upon international associations. When an approving public has expressed its gratification with this second step, we may expect President Harding to take

the third—and thereby justify the prophecy of those thirty-one eminent Republicans who gave expression on the eve of election to their assurance that through his success the United States would most promptly be led into an association of the nations of the world, for the common good.

VASTLY differing in degree as are the situations in British India and the Philippines, they are quite one in kind. In each case, an Eastern land, disrupted by long-standing conditions of disorder, has been taken in charge by a Western state, order restored and maintained, and life again made livable. In each case the native peoples have been granted a considerable measure of self-government, with genuine encouragement for such assimilation and development of the gift as may warrant its extension. In each case formal announcement has been made by the ruling power that its occupancy is to be held as temporary, but that the term of its control must be indefinite, depending wholly upon the popular absorption of autonomy. Also, in each case, there has been a not unnatural demand from the yet subject race for a far more rapid advance toward independence than could be held justified by either their exercise of governmental rights or the national capacity. In each case, finally, has come the official and inescapable response that more time must elapse before further advances; only more study and more experience, it is felt, will in any way justify a broadening of powers.

The Filipinos, accepting unwillingly the Washington decision that "stable government" has not yet been attained in their islands, are petitioning for an early constitutional convention. Not for another year, or nearly that, can a reply be expected from the American Congress, and all present opinion of weight is that the answer then to be given, if present conditions prevail, must be a further negative.

The Indian Assembly has demanded an extension of the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms. Lord Peel has made reply well in the most liberal tradition of imperial statesmanship, hinting, of course, at no withdrawal of recent concessions and urging the advisability of allowing them to proceed with their natural momentum. A Royal Commission on the Indian Public Services has recently been appointed.

It is not asserted that the sole salvation for the Orient lies in a complete digestion of Occidental ways of government. It is, however, reasonably clear that along no other path is the road shorter to safety in autonomous life. It is to have been expected that the students should be clamoring for a soon-to-be graduation, but no close observer of conditions, whether in the great Asian peninsula or the south Pacific archipelago, can believe the textbooks yet mastered. Two sentences of England's reply to India's request adequately sum up the case both there and in the Philippines:

The foundation of all constitutional government must be the presence of a vigorous and instructed public opinion, operating not only in legislatures, but (what is even more important) in the constituencies. Until this foundation has been laid firmly, progress would not be assisted, and might be retarded, if fresh responsibilities were added to those with which the electors so recently have been intrusted.

A MERGER of the prohibition forces of Canada into one national organization, the Canadian Prohibition Federation, is a step in the right direction. A memorial from this unified organization, representative of churches, church auxiliaries, and temperance workers, has been presented to the Dominion Government, respectfully requesting that immediate action be taken in the direction of more effective prohibition law enforcement. The Dominion Parliament can do much to increase the efficiency of the provincial prohibition laws. Hence it is requested that the Parliament of Canada so legislate that in any province in which the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is forbidden, the manufacture of such liquors for beverage purposes be also forbidden.

The right to suppress manufacture is vested with the Dominion authorities. The provinces can take the initiative, after voting themselves dry, only to the extent of asking the Dominion Government to act.

The constructive character of the Prohibition Federation's memorial should commend it to the support of Canadian public opinion. Among other helpful steps advanced, it said: "That, inasmuch as the United States is now under a prohibitory law, and it is alleged that the effectiveness of that law is seriously interfered with by the exportation of liquor from Canada, we respectfully request you to consider, as an act of international good will, if it would not be possible to prohibit the exportation of liquor from Canada to the United States."

Further restrictions were requested on the business of exporting intoxicating liquors from Canada to any other country, as well as more strictly to regulate inter-provincial traffic. In view of the heavier penalties imposed under the provincial laws for violation of their provisions, the memorial suggested, in conclusion, that the penalties provided under the several acts administered by the federal authorities, relating to the adequate control of the liquor traffic in Canada, be proportionately increased.

The position taken by the Canadian Prohibition Federation is that "the final solution of the evils arising from the liquor traffic is nation-wide prohibition." This is the end toward which the temperance forces mean continually to press through provincial and federal laws. A favorable response this session from the Dominion Parliament may reasonably be looked for by the people of Canada.

THIS year, when special honors are being paid to Sir Christopher Wren, much has been said of the great things he accomplished, but less of the things he failed to accomplish, through no fault of his own. The fire of London gave him the chance that falls to few architects, and he, though not an architect by training, had the genius to avail himself of it, if not the power to prevent dull-minded officials from interfering. For his plan included not only St. Paul's and the Monument and the fifty parish churches, which he built, but a new city of London to rise out of the ashes of the old, which he was not allowed to build.

Wren's experience was much that of the modern architect who is an artist and has big ideas for a City Beautiful. He may present his design, even start his work, but there is always somewhere the busy official more eager for economy or graft, more concerned for an individual's interest or the people's vote, than for beauty. It is the same story over and over again, no one caring for the loss, the opportunity thrown away, until too late. We are told that architects today cannot compete with those of the past. How can we be sure of it unless they are free to show what is in them to do, and to carry out their schemes without interference?

Modern conditions are no excuse. Burnham in Chicago proved on paper that a bustling, bumptious, busy modern town can be as stately as the stateliest little capital of Europe. In America, in England, in Germany, big employers of labor, here and there, have shown practically that it is not necessary for workmen to live in dirt and disorder. But the most confirmed optimist cannot deny that they are exceptions. As a rule, flourishing industries might be supposed inseparable from dirt and disorder. Enterprising advertisers proclaim that ours is a commercial, a business age, and that the artist is with us only on sufferance, so far have we wandered from the right understanding of art and the beauty it creates. The natural scientist may begin to question the influence of environment, but not the artist. He knows that the influence of beauty is all-powerful. The haphazard growth of the modern town and the filth that defiles it cannot be good for men.

It is often said that France, whatever her faults, has the virtue of order in a superlative degree, and certainly this French love for order finds stimulus in the well-ordered architecture of the French town, the well-ordered lines and spaces—the unbroken sweep of hillside and plain, the poplar roads and canals—of the French landscape. That is why today France, heavy-laden with debt, can still put her hand in her shrunken pocket and pay to bring order back to the palace and gardens of Versailles.

Wren was great enough to learn what he could from the French, and he probably would have told the enterprising advertiser that far better would it be for business to languish than for beauty to perish.

Editorial Notes

WHEN so much propaganda is rife regarding "the next war," clear presentation of the subject, "A Warless World—Is It Possible?" was given by the executive secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches recently in Boston, is all the more valuable. The speaker said, in part:

Let us face the facts. The World War has well-nigh wrecked western civilization. Another would seal its doom. The only escape is by immediate world organization. Such an organization exists in the League of Nations. It started in 1920 with thirteen members. It has now fifty-one. Only Germany, Mexico, Russia, Turkey and the United States are outside. It has already prevented three wars, created a World Court and is developing machinery for international co-operation in every constructive line.

In the face of such achievements, belittle them as the opponents of the League may try to do, the individual governments of the world seem to be doing little more than marking time.

IT is not so long since Attorney-General Daugherty's ruling regarding the sale of liquor on the high seas was published as to have blotted out the recollection that many forecasts were made at that time to the effect that such a decision, if enforced, would ruin the passenger service of the United States lines. It is opportune, therefore, to give full publicity to the fact that the transatlantic service on American vessels is already well booked up, even into this coming summer, while as to the transpacific service, during the last six months American ships carried 62 per cent, British ships 11 per cent, and Japanese 27 per cent, eastbound, and 46, 34, and 20 per cent, respectively, westbound. It certainly looks as if the American service was in grave peril as a result of prohibition!

THE New York World and other "wet" papers are making a prodigious outcry over the fact that the Anti-Saloon League fund for New York totals \$250,000 a year. Precisely how much money do the wets think it proper should be spent for their undoing? And are they exactly the source to which people should look for unbiased opinions on the subject? Take the World alone as a factor. The whole amount available for the Anti-Saloon League could not secure as much publicity for the law and its merits as that newspaper is giving to the effort to overthrow it.

SOME mathematician has figured that if the \$15,000,000, which is the estimated value of the treasures found in Tut-ankh-amen's tomb, had been put out at 6 per cent compound interest, it would now be worth a sum with more than eighty ciphers. In this day of Russian rubles and German marks, however, such a number does not appeal as so inordinately large.

From Dublin to Cork

TALES which would have shocked Baron Munchausen have been told about the vagaries of travel on the Irish railways, and told with such casual humor that one suspects the Irishman of inventing a joke against himself in order to get what he calls "a lift" out of the uninitiated. Such tales as those of the engine fire going out or of the lost engine driver must be the results of a wild flight of the Celtic imagination. And therefore, in giving the account of my journey from Dublin to Cork, I must protest that I am not an Irishman.

Now that I have time to meditate comfortably upon that terrible journey, it seems almost that I had traveled by stagecoach instead of by train. And what could more resemble a coach journey than getting out at Maryborough, some sixty miles from Dublin, and walking into the town for lunch while the train waited four hours for us? It was almost Pickwickian traveling. The Maryborough innkeeper had a popularity that day which he will be proud to remember. He knew all about our trouble, before we could start a conversation on our own account. He knew the line was blocked. He knew at what time it was blocked and how the Republicans did it. He knew so much that I half suspected him of having been present when the deed was done. But to look at, he hardly seemed the man to be out of bed at 3 in the morning tearing up railway lines.

We had scarcely got back to the station when the engine gave a long, plaintive whistle, as if appealing to the armored train to hurry up and conduct us into Limerick Junction. But although we had arrived in Maryborough at 11 o'clock, we did not leave until half past 3; and then we made a false start, greatly to the alarm of some passengers who had not got their tickets. To these the porter cried words of reassurance: "We haven't started startin' yet."

We started starting and finished starting and finally started somehow or other, and it was not long before we were crossing the Bog of Allen, that bleak stretch of russet and black fens, with a swollen gray sky above and a wild light in it to westward. It was an eerie, sodden country, the playground of the winds and rains, and it did the heart good to see a lane now and then bending away to some village on the distant hills. I was reading Synge's "Playboy of the Western World" at the time and had been startled by coming upon a line which had been in my memory these ten years:

Oh, a distant place, master of the house, a windy corner of high, distant hills.

I looked up and there they were, the distant hills. I had found them at last; and by the ripples in the bog pools I could see a wind was getting up!

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Things might have become lively had not a lady got in and described how she had "left himself at dinner time" and taken four hours getting from Tipperary. It was a joy to hear her pronounce the name, dwelling richly, as she did, upon each syllable, turning the first "r" over in her mouth two or three times, before drifting into the melody of the last two syllables. I can now understand any "himselfs," exiled in the stony wastes of Piccadilly and the Strand, wanting to hear the old familiar music of a Tipperary accent again.

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We had an hour's wait at the other Mallow station and an hour's journey in the darkness, over the hills into Cork. The moon, its face all awry with the drool of smiles, watched our stealthy progress in and out of the valleys. There was no doubt about it: the early morning train from Dublin had no business to be out at 10 o'clock at night!

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A City of Strange Sights

AFTER being at sea three weeks, one is glad to get ashore again, writes Lieut. J. H. Benson, a Christian Science chaplain, attached to the United States fleet in the Near East waters. This feeling of joy is enhanced by the expectations of the first visit in a strange port. So upon landing at the Dolma Baghche the minarets are second only in interest to the many peoples of the city of destiny, Constantinople. Either by a cab drive or a short but steep climb to the city hill, the Grande Rue de Pera is brought into view. A walk of but a few blocks along this "avenue" discloses the cosmopolitan nature of the pedestrians, for here may be met Turks, Russians, Greeks, Armenians, British, Americans, French and Italians. Here also may be seen refugees, spahis, hamals, Russian flower girls, street peddlers, professional beggars and many others, all assembled in one main street.

To study the city to advantage, the newcomer should go on a sight-seeing trip. To see the Sultan, go to St. Sophia (though in the last few weeks the Caliph is the figure of interest on this trip). One should visit the old cisterns, bazaars and mosques in Stamboul, walk from the Sea of Marmora to the Golden Horn by the old walls, the museums of St. Irene, Suleiman and Seraglio Point. Likewise one should see Robert College for Boys at Rumeli Hissar or the Constantinople College for Girls at Arnaoutken. Then, again, the newcomer is always interested in seeing the howling and whirling dervishes.

A ten-minute walk through narrow streets and over cobblestones brings one to the monasteries of the melevies or whirling dervishes. These fakirs are held in much higher estimation than the howling dervishes and are the wealthiest of all the religious bodies of the Turkish Empire. The dancing of these fakirs is accompanied by sounds resembling music, beginning with a slow movement and becoming more animated with the enthusiasm of the performers. When the dancers are exhausted, they are obliged to sit down and rest, only to rise again for more whirling.

The howling dervishes chant the names of Allah over and over again, accompanied by violent contortions of the body. The leading fakir passes through motions of cutting and stabbing himself. Visitors to the ceremonies are required to pay twenty piasters, about a dime or sixpence. The head fakir attempts to treat the sick Turks brought to him by blowing on them and treading on them with his feet. These activities and the interpretations of dreams bring the most repute to the howling dervishes. Truly, Constantinople is a city of strange sights.